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バイクで事故って、記憶喪失になってしまった詩織は、援交をやっていた等々、過去の自分に関する噂を聞いて、とまどう。

兄・明夫に支えられ、だんだんと平穏を取り戻していく詩織だったが、明夫が幼なじみの瑞希と付き合いだした事から、事態は急転!?

明夫への想いが、恋心だと気付いてしまい。

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15話の締め切り中に、強い揺れがありました。
人生で一番大きく感じる揺れでした。
それでも、我が家は本が数冊落ちただけだったので、
余震にビビりつつも、その時は笑っていました。
後に見たニュースで、その揺れがあり得ないほど
多くの人の人生を変えたことを知りました。
日本の復興を心から信じています。

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NOW ON SALE

小さい羊は夢をみる
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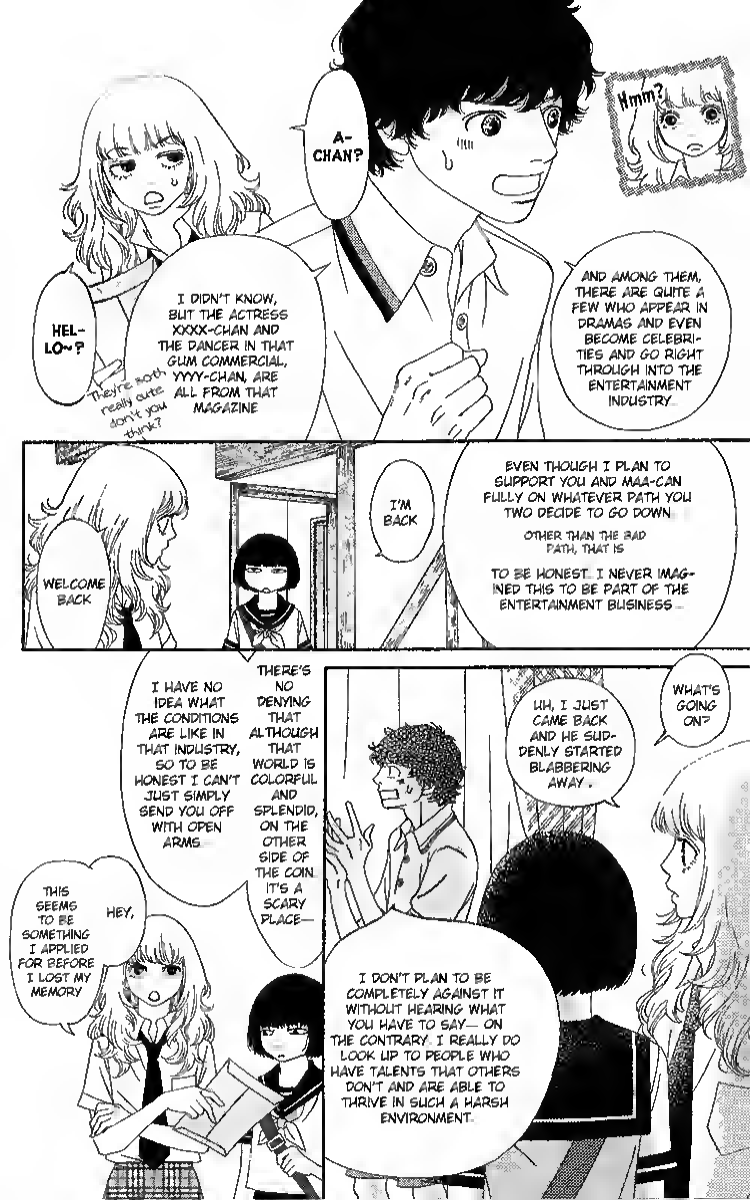
Iketani Rikako

At this rate, my mind is going to become filled with thoughts of A-chan.

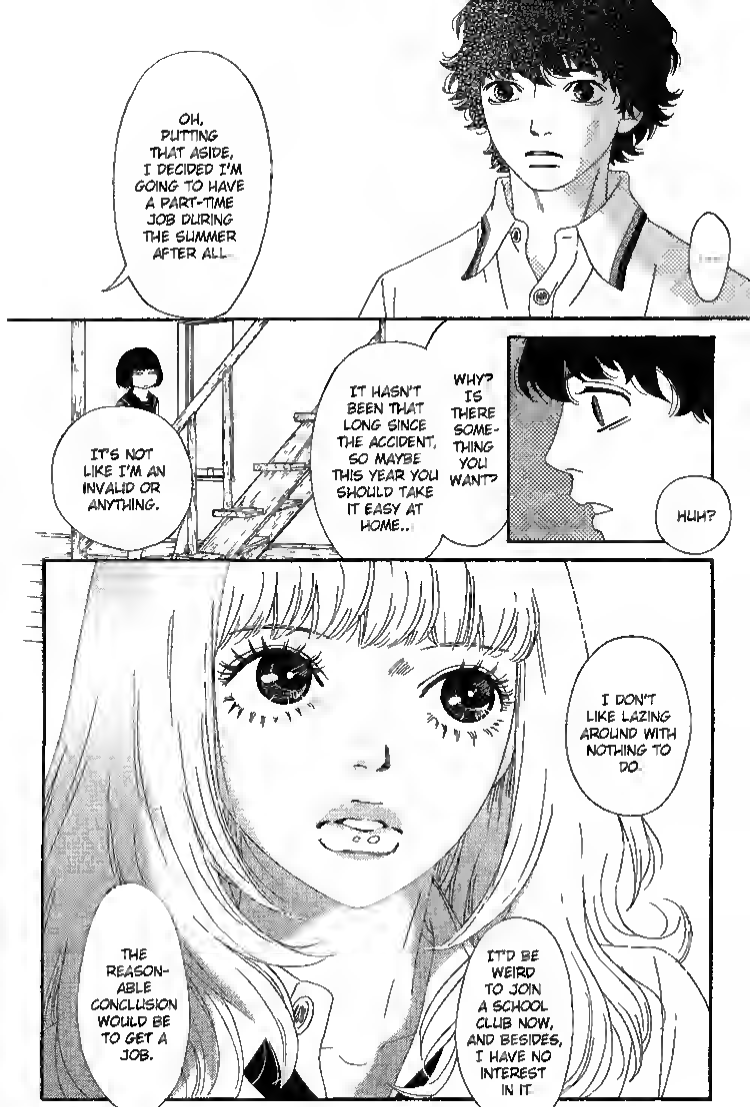
CHAPTER 11
Six Half

HUH?
SHII-CHAN, YOU WANT TO BECOME A MODEL?
AND EVEN THOUGH I THOUGHT AT FIRST THAT FAN MODELS WERE MORE OF A CASUAL THING, THE FAN MODELS OF THIS MAGAZINE AREN'T THAT DIFFERENT FROM PROFESSIONAL MODELS IN THEIR ACTIVITIES, AND THEY EVEN HAVE BLOGS THAT ARE REALLY POPULAR.
I DID SOME RESEARCH, BUT THIS MAGAZINE'S MADE UP OF FAN MODELS*,
OH, YOU READ THROUGH IT? THANKS—

*T/N They use the term "Dokusha model" which refers to amateur models who are also readers of the magazine


Hmm?
A-CHAN?
HEL-LO~?
I DIDN'T KNOW, BUT THE ACTRESS XXXX-CHAN AND THE DANCER IN THAT GUM COMMERCIAL, YYYY-CHAN, ARE ALL FROM THAT MAGAZINE
They're both really cute don't you think?
AND AMONG THEM, THERE ARE QUITE A FEW WHO APPEAR IN DRAMAS AND EVEN BECOME CELEBRITIES AND GO RIGHT THROUGH INTO THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY.
I'M BACK
WELCOME BACK
EVEN THOUGH I PLAN TO SUPPORT YOU AND MAA-CAN FULLY ON WHATEVER PATH YOU TWO DECIDE TO GO DOWN
OTHER THAN THE BAD PATH, THAT IS
TO BE HONEST, I NEVER IMAGINED THIS TO BE PART OF THE ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
UH, I JUST CAME BACK AND HE SUDDENLY STARTED BLABBERING AWAY.
I DON'T PLAN TO BE COMPLETELY AGAINST IT WITHOUT HEARING WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY— ON THE CONTRARY, I REALLY DO LOOK UP TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE TALENTS THAT OTHERS DON'T AND ARE ABLE TO THRIVE IN SUCH A HARSH ENVIRONMENT.
THERE'S NO DENYING THAT ALTHOUGH THAT WORLD IS COLORFUL AND SPLENDID, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN, IT'S A SCARY PLACE—
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE CONDITIONS ARE LIKE IN THAT INDUSTRY, SO TO BE HONEST I CAN'T JUST SIMPLY SEND YOU OFF WITH OPEN ARMS...
HEY,
THIS SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING I APPLIED FOR BEFORE I LOST MY MEMORY

I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY THAT!
Whoa
A FAN MODEL?
THAT'S SO LIKE HER— SHE'S ALWAYS ONE TO WANT TO STAND OUT.
MAA-CHAN,
WHEN DID YOU GET BACK?
You showed up out of nowhere— You surprised me!
HEY, A-CHAN
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M DREAMING ABOUT BECOMING A MODEL OR A CELEBRITY
SO YOU'RE GOING TO GO?
HUH?
I JUST THOUGHT IT'D BE FUN TO GO
IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU GET TO EXPERIENCE EVERYDAY, AFTER ALL.
LIKE I'D GET IN THAT EASILY!
BUT IF THEY PUT YOU THROUGH...
Ahaha, don't be stupid!
IN THIS WORLD, THERE ARE HEAPS OF GIRLS WHO'RE A LOT CUTER AND WHO HAVE BETTER FIGURES THAN ME.


OH, PUTTING THAT ASIDE, I DECIDED I'M GOING TO HAVE A PART-TIME JOB DURING THE SUMMER AFTER ALL.
HUH?
WHY? IS THERE SOME-THING YOU WANT?
IT HASN'T BEEN THAT LONG SINCE THE ACCIDENT, SO MAYBE THIS YEAR YOU SHOULD TAKE IT EASY AT HOME..
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M AN INVALID OR ANYTHING.
I DON'T LIKE LAZING AROUND WITH NOTHING TO DO.
IT'D BE WEIRD TO JOIN A SCHOOL CLUB NOW, AND BESIDES, I HAVE NO INTEREST IN IT.
THE REASON-ABLE CONCLUSION WOULD BE TO GET A JOB.

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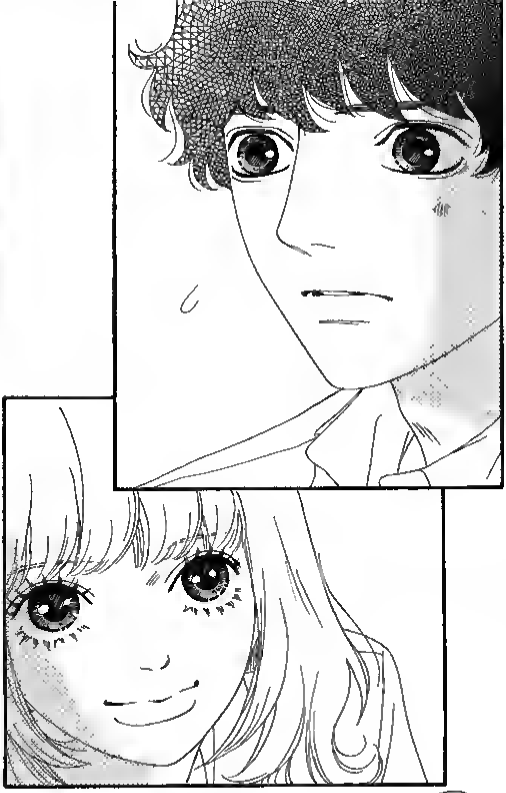

IF I DON'T LET OFF SOME STEAM LIKE THAT AND AS LONG AS I KEEP LIVING UNDER THE SAME ROOM AS HIM, I MIGHT END UP GETTING ALL HOT AND BOTHERED TO THE POINT WHERE I ATTACK HIM.
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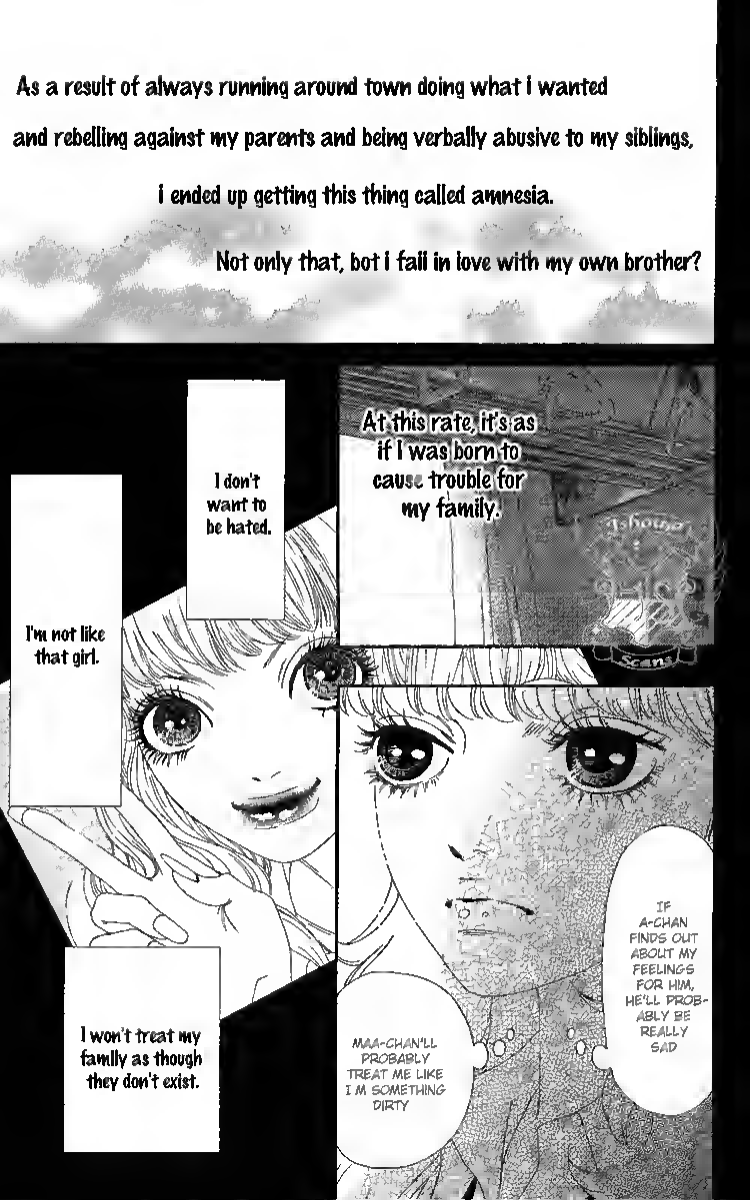
chenk...
If I can just lessen even a bit of the time I spend thinking about A-chan,
if I can divert my attention elsewhere...
AND BESIDES, WHILE I'M BUSY DOING ALL THIS OTHER STUFF, MY FEELINGS FOR HIM MIGHT COOL OFF.
IT'S NOT GOOD FOR ME TO BECOME TOO OBSESSED, YOU KNOW?
"HOT AND BOTHERED"? WHAT THE HE...
The first thing that came to mind when I realized I liked A-chan
AM I SURE SHE'S NOT JUST YANKING ON MY CHAINS ?

was that I was going to cause him trouble again.


As a result of always running around town doing what i wanted
and rebelling against my parents and being verbally abusive to my siblings,
i ended up getting this thing called amnesia.
Not only that, bot i fall in love with my own brother?
At this rate, it's as if I was born to cause trouble for my family.
I don't want to be hated.
I'm not like that girl.
I won't treat my family as though they don't exist.
IF A-CHAN FINDS OUT ABOUT MY FEELINGS FOR HIM, HE'LL PROBABLY BE REALLY SAD
MAA-CHAN'LL PROBABLY TREAT ME LIKE I M SOMETHING DIRTY

WELL, WHAT'S WRONG WITH LETTING SHIORI-CHAN DO AS SHE PLEASES?
BUT THE JOB SHE DECIDED ON WAS THE FOOD FACTORY AT KAIBARA!
A UNIVERSITY FRIEND WHO WORKED THERE BEFORE TOLD ME THAT HE ALMOST DIED FROM THE REPETITIVE MOTIONS AND THE SWEET SMELL!
Since they make desserts that are sold to convenience stores and supermarkets.
DID YOU TELL SHIORI-CHAN THAT?
SHE WAS SINGING HOW "I LOVE SWEETS SO I'LL BE FINE~"
HAHA.
IT SEEMS SHE DOESN'T WANT TO WORK AT A FAMILY RESTAURANT OR ANY CUSTOMER SERVICE JOBS BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T WANT TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH RUNNING INTO CUSTOMERS WHO RECOGNIZE HER
OH, I SEE...
SHIORI-CHAN'S PRETTY STRONG, HUH?

I THINK LOSING YOUR MEMORY MUST BE SOMETHING REALLY SCARY,
BUT INSTEAD OF WITHDRAWING INTO HERSELF, SHE KEEPS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND IS DOING HER BEST
I PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BE LIKE THAT IF I WAS IN HER PLACE
AND ABOUT THE AUDITION,
I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY NEED FOR YOU TO THINK THAT DEEP INTO IT
LET'S CHEER HER ON, HEY, ONII-CHAN!
YOU'RE RIGHT...
thump
I GUESS WE'RE BETTER OFF FORGETTING ABOUT SUMMER

HUH?
Hey—
munch munch
YOU'VE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN!
AH, AH, YEAH!
OF COURSE I REMEMBER!
REALLY~?
OUR VACATION!
REMEMBER HOW WE TALKED ABOUT HOW IT'D BE NICE IF WE COULD GO ON A TRIP TOGETHER, EVEN IF IT'S JUST ONE DAY?
I'VE EVEN LANDED A PART-TIME JOB AT A CRAM SCHOOL SO I CAN SAVE MONEY!
AND IT DOES SEEM LIKE SHII-CHAN AND MAA-CHAN ARE OLD ENOUGH TO BE BY THEMSELVES AT HOME
SO LET'S GO.
YEAH, TOGETHER...

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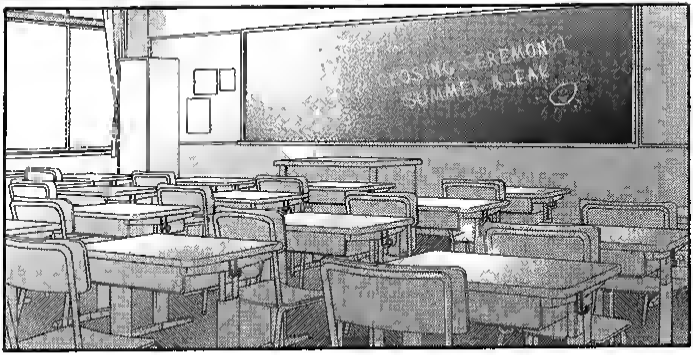
CLOSING CEREMONY
SUMMER BREAK

SENPAI!
WE SHOULD ALL GO TO THE BEACH DURING OUR BREAK SOMETIME.
SURE! I'M IN!
WE'RE GONNA BE DYING OF BOREDOM DURING OUR BREAK, SO WHENEVER YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO, JUST GIVE US A CALL
Kai—
Yuusuke~
THEY'RE CALLING FOR YOU.
OH, WELL, SEE YA
THE GUYS FROM OUR CLASS ARE GONNA HAVE A BOWLING COMPETITION
OH

WELL,
DON'T WORK TOO HARD AT YOUR PART-TIME JOB
RIGHTY-O
KA~!
WE'RE GONNA LEAVE YOU BEHIND IF YOU DON'T HURRY UP!
OKAY, OKAY YOU DON'T HAVE TO PULL
Hey, hey! Have you bought a swimsuit yet—?
No way!
The summer trip~

SHII-CHAN!
YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR YOUR JOB!
...WHY DO I HAVE TO GET UP EARLY EVEN THOUGH IT'S SUMMER BREAK...
I DON'T WANT TO GO ANY-MORE, A-CHAN... CALL THEM FOR ME...
I DON'T WANT TO PEEL ANY MORE BANANAS... I DON'T WANT TO SEE A HUGE LOAD OF DONUTS... IT'S SOO HOT BY THE OVEN THAT I FEEL LIKE DYING...
IT'S A JOB YOU DECIDED TO DO REMEM-BER?
IF YOU WANT TO QUIT, YOU NEED TO TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY AND GO THERE TO TELL THEM!
COME ON, GET UP

I'LL GO.

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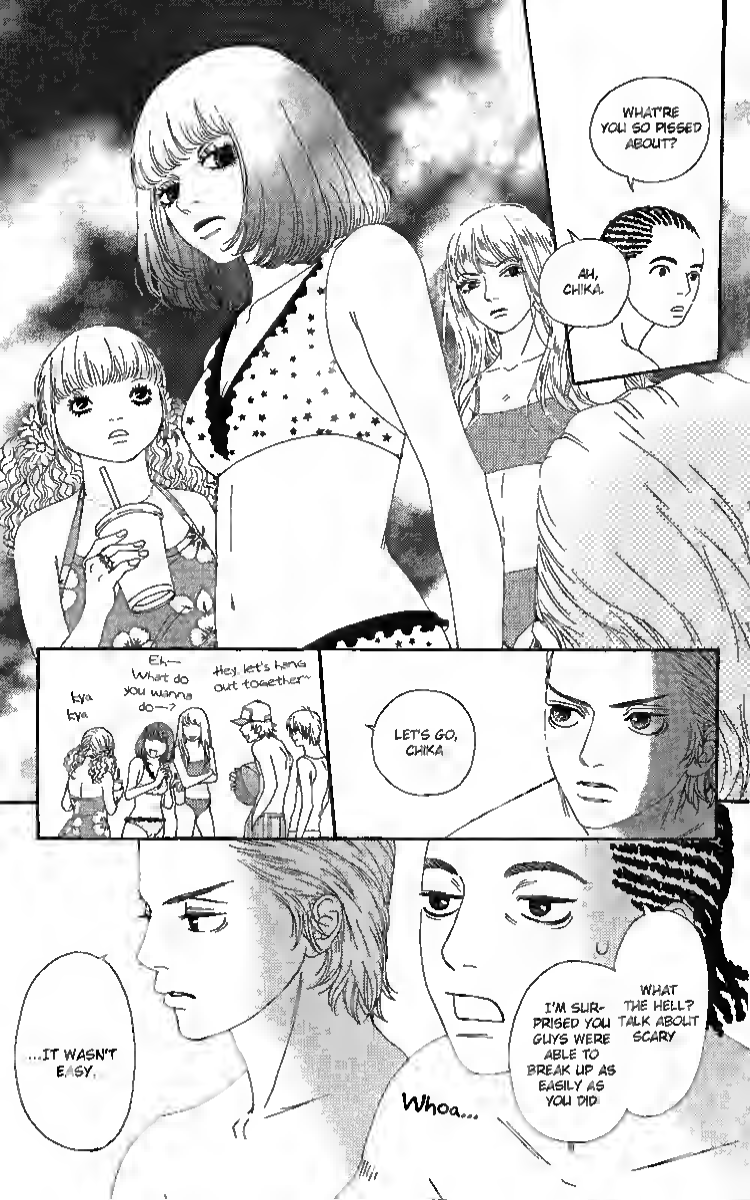
"SHIORI."
"I'M SORRY I'VE IGNORED YOU ALL THIS TIME."
"LET'S LIVE TOGETHER FROM NOW ON."
"OF COURSE, MAHO CAN COME TOO."
"YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH."
"I SAW THE MAGAZINE."

THERE'S JUST NO WAY.
IF SHE HAD THOSE KINDS OF INTENTIONS, SHE WOULD'VE SHOWN UP TO DAD'S FUNERAL
EVEN IF SHE WAS OUT FOR THE MONEY
DON'T GO AROUND THINKING ABOUT STUPID STUFF LIKE THAT—
AKIO,
IF ONLY YOU DIDN'T EXIST...

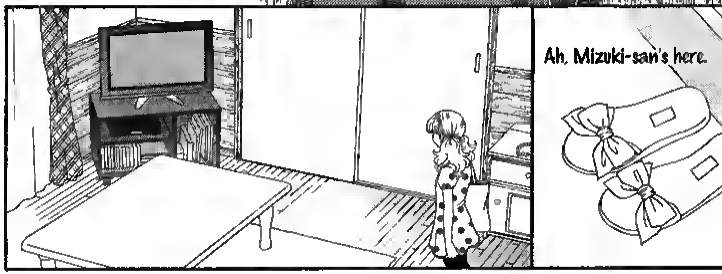
I WONDER IF SENPAI'S WORKING AT HER PART-TIME JOB RIGHT ABOUT NOW?
SHE'S WORKING LIKE 5-6 DAYS A WEEK, RIGHT?
SHE WAS SAYING, "I'M GONNA BUY A COTTON CANDY MAKER TO PUT IN MY ROOM," BUT SHE WAS JOKING, RIGHT?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW WHAT GOES THROUGH #2'S HEAD?
I REALLY CAN'T FIGURE THAT CHICK OUT— SCREW IT, I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE LIKES OF HER!
"IF I DON'T LET OFF SOME STEAM LIKE THAT AND AS LONG AS I KEEP LIVING UNDER THE SAME ROOM AS HIM, I MIGHT END UP GETTING ALL HOT AND BOTHERED TO THE POINT THAT I ATTACK HIM."


WHAT'RE YOU SO PISSED ABOUT?
AH, CHIKA.
Hey, let's hang out together~
Eh— What do you wanna do—?
kya kya
LET'S GO, CHIKA
WHAT THE HELL? TALK ABOUT SCARY
I'M SURPRISED YOU GUYS WERE ABLE TO BREAK UP AS EASILY AS YOU DID
Whoa...
...IT WASN'T EASY.

I'LL AGREE TO BREAK UP IF YOU'LL PROMISE ME
THAT YOU WON'T START DATING THE CURRENT SHIORI
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!
YOU REALLY ARE A MORON, YOU KNOW THAT?!
WHY? IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S ANY SWEAT OFF MY BACK
...WHAT?
I THINK WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT YOU IS THAT YOU'RE STUPID BUT HONEST.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE STUPID, YOU PUT YOUR ALL INTO STUDYING SO THAT YOU COULD GET INTO THE SAME SCHOOL AS SHIORI-SENPAI— I KNOW I COULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT.
HEY, AREN'T YOU LAYING IT ON A BIT THICK WITH THE WHOLE "STUPID" THING?
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULDN'T THINK TOO DEEPLY ABOUT IT.

THE STUFF ABOUT #1 AND #2...
WHEN IT COMES RIGHT DOWN TO IT, THERE'S ONLY ONE KIKUKAWA SHIORI ON THIS EARTH, RIGHT?
KIKUKAWA-SAN, YOU HAVE A BENTO?
YES, MY BROTHER MADE IT FOR ME
OH, YOUR BROTHER?
HE SAID IT'D BE A WASTE FOR ME TO SPEND THE MONEY I'VE MADE AT MY PART-TIME JOB BUYING LUNCH
MY— HOW NICE!
Ahha
YES, HE'S REALLY NICE— PEOPLE SAY HE HAS A SISTER COMPLEX!

My part-time job's pretty hectic,
but that's just the way I like it.
click
I MUST BE PRETTY TOUGH...
BUT I'VE STARTED TO GET PRETTY USED TO IT...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, TOMORROW'S THE DAY OF THE AUDITION. ISN'T IT?
I DON'T FEEL NERVOUS AT ALL...
I guess it's because I know I'm not gonna pass the audition?
If it's one or the other I'm more nervous about going to Tokyo for the first time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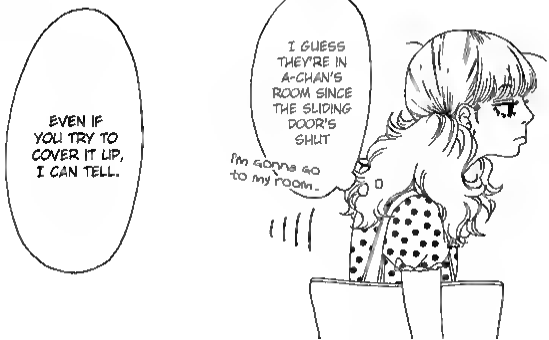
I GUESS THEY'RE IN A-CHAN'S ROOM SINCE THE SLIDING DOOR'S SHUT
I'm gonna go to my room.
EVEN IF YOU TRY TO COVER IT UP, I CAN TELL.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN TROUBLING YOU?
DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH SHIORI-CHAN?
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN BY THAT?
I'm gonna listen in, Ahh!
IT'S NOTHING.
REALLY
I'M JUST STARTING TO FEEL A BIT TIRED BECAUSE OF THE SUMMER HEAT
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE DURING VACATION.
HMM?

I DON'T THINK IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA TO DO IT HERE, BUT IF IT'S MY ROOM, WHEN MY PARENTS AREN'T HOME
AND PLUS, THERE ARE LOTS OF HOTELS IN SAKADA!
OUR FIRST TIME MAKING LOVE
WE DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF GOING ON A VACATION TO DO IT.
NO, BUT...
Why all of a sudden?
EVER SINCE YOUR FATHER PASSED AWAY,
YOU'RE STILL ONLY A UNIVERSITY STUDENT AND YET YOU'VE SHOULDERED THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TAKING CARE OF A FAMILY ON YOUR OWN.
THERE HASN'T BEEN ANYONE YOU COULD LEAN ON

I'M WORRIED THAT AT THIS RATE, YOU'RE GOING TO TIRE YOURSELF OUT.
I FEEL UNEASY.
BUT IF I CAN I'D LIKE TO BE SOMEONE WHOM YOU CAN FEEL AT EASE AROUND.
IT MAY BE THAT MAKING LOVE WON'T NECESSARILY MEAN THIS,
I WANT US TO KISS A LOT,
AND HUG A LOT—
AND AFTER HAVING GOTTEN TO KNOW YOU MORE AND MORE,

SHII-CHAN.
YOU LOOK PALE.
THANKS, MIZUKI-CHAN.
YEAH.
I WANT YOU
TO BE ABLE TO LEAN ON ME MORE AND MORE.

THAT'S NOT TRUE
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU WERE A BIT SPACED OUT LAST NIGHT TOO...
ARE YOU NERVOUS?
It's morning. Why is she here? She's not even family.
HAVE FUN ON YOUR AUDITION!
SHIORI-CHAN, LOOSEN UP!
I can hear, damnit.
Why's she saying stuff like she actually knows me?
MAYBE SHE FEELS A BIT NERVOUS ON HER OWN ?
AKIO-CHAN, MAYBE IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO GO WITH HER AFTER ALL?
The lack of sleep's made my stomach hurt.
I'M LEAVING NOW

Like i said, what right do you have to order me around like that?
YOU NEED TO EAT BREAK-FAST.
Don't touch me.
ISN'T IT A BIT EARLY? THE AUDITION'S AT ONE, ISN'T IT?
RIGHT, AKIO-CHA...
How old is she? Can't she even say "have sex"? Moron!
Disgusting. Disgusting. Disgusting!
"Our first time making love"?
My head hurts.
I feel sick.

YOU SHOULD JUST FORGET ABOUT GOING, SHII-CHAN.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M GOING!
AKIO-CHAN?
BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID I SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS!
YOU DON'T FEEL WELL, RIGHT?
THEN YOU SHOULD JUST FORGET ABOUT GOING.
YOU'RE ONLY GOING BECAUSE IT "SEEMS LIKE FUN," RIGHT?
IF THERE'S NO WAY YOU'RE GOING TO PASS THE AUDITION, THEN THERE'S NO POINT IN YOU GOING.
THIS AND THAT ARE TWO SEPARATE MATTERS.

I'M GOING!
I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
YOU'VE BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE WE WERE KIDS! WHY DO YOU ALWAYS...
blinks

I'm sorry

I can't be a good girl.

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...WHY DO I ALWAYS CAUSE YOU TROUBLE?
YOU'VE BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE WE WERE KIDS! WHY DO YOU ALWAYS...

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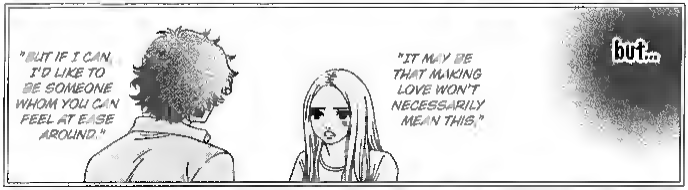
CHAPTER 12

AN AUDITION? OH, SO IT WAS TODAY?
mumble
mumble
mumble
HEY, WHAT A COINCIDENCE WHERE YA HEADED?
I don't have any relatives there— Forget that! I've never even been there!
WHAT STUFF?! I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO THERE!
STUFF TO DO IN TOKYO...
STUFF TO DO IN TOKYO...
WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW! I'VE GOT STUFF TO DO IN TOKYO TODAY TOO...

I got upset and worked up all on my own.
I know I'm the one in the wrong.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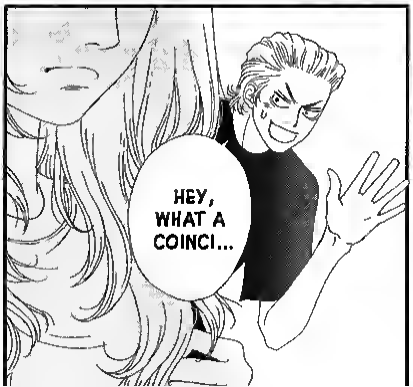
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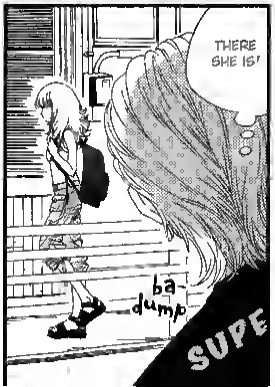
THERE SHE IS!
ba-dump
SUPE

I'm sure that the reason why A-chan got so mad
was because I ignored Mizuki-chan.
KUURI STATION
She's crying again.
Sniff
Sniff
SUPERSTA
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WELL, MIZUKI-CHAN, I'M GOING TO GO TO THE LIBRARY.
ONCE A-CHAN GETS DEPRESSED IT CAN TAKE HIM A WHILE TO BOUNCE BACK SO IT'S PROBABLY BETTER TO LEAVE HIM TO COOL OFF ON HIS OWN.
Chuckle
OKAY, I'LL REMEMBER THAT.
SEE YOU.
BYE.
AKIO-CHAN,
MAHO-CHAN WENT OUT.
IS THAT RIGHT..?
THANKS FOR LETTING ME KNOW...

THEN YOU SHOULD'VE TALKED IT OVER WITH SHIORI-CHAN.
AKIO-CHAN, YOU WERE AGAINST HER AUDITIONING?
I WAS THINKING HOW IF SHE REALLY WANTED TO DO IT
THEN I SHOULD JUST LET HER.
BUT WHEN IT CAME RIGHT DOWN TO THE WIRE, I STARTED BECOMING UNEASY...
Sigh
I HURT SHII-CHAN...
I'M NOT FIT TO BE A BIG BROTHER...
IS THAT ALL IT IS?

YOU WEREN'T YOUR NORMAL SELF BACK THERE.
IT WASN'T LIKE YOU AT ALL.
I KNOW THAT YOU WERE CHEERING HER ON, SO FOR ME TO CREATE THAT KIND OF ATMOSPHERE...
HUH?
...AH, SORRY!
I
THAT'S NOT...

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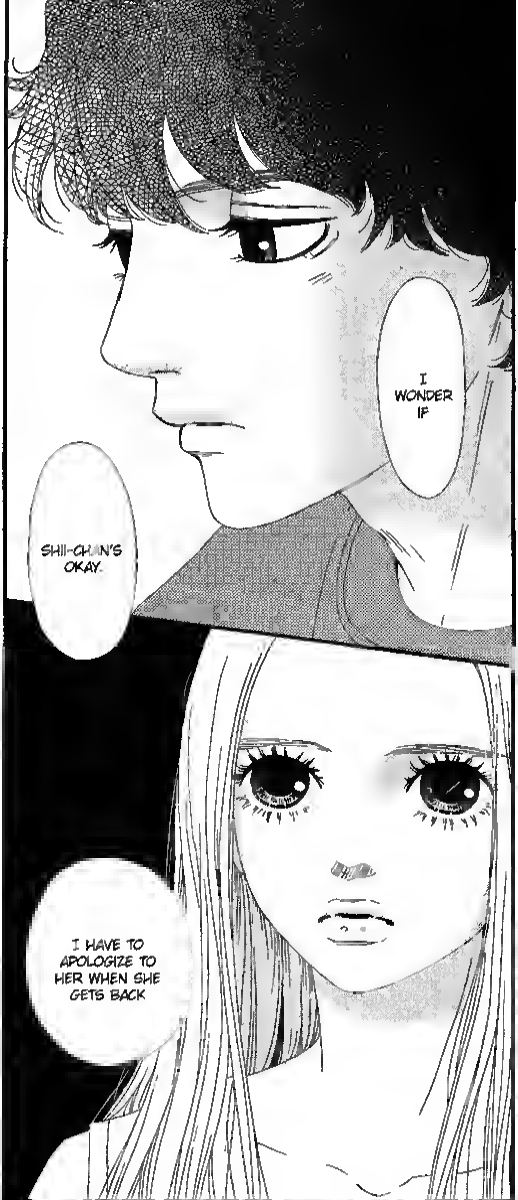
My
so we
meet again.



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Fan Model Audition
Waiting Room
HEY, HAZUKI-CHAN...
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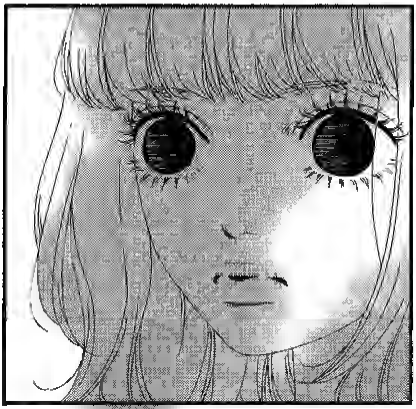
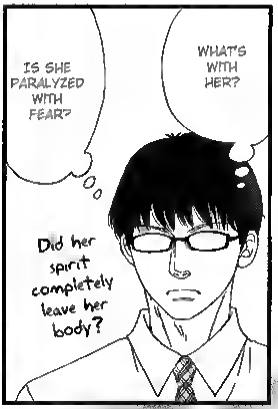
noise
noise

DON'T YOU FEEL EVEN A HINT OF THIS THING CALLED "NERVES"?
YOU'VE BEEN PLAY-ING VIDEO GAMES THIS ENTI-RE TIME.
JUST LOOK! THERE'S NO ONE AS CUTE AS ME AMONG ALL THESE PEOPLE
I'LL TAKE THE TOP PRIZE FOR SURE
NO SWEAT, ASAGI-SAN
I could really go for a smoke right about now...
I'M COUNTING ON YOU...
SURE WILL~ ♡
WELL THEN, DO YOUR BEST. ♡
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.



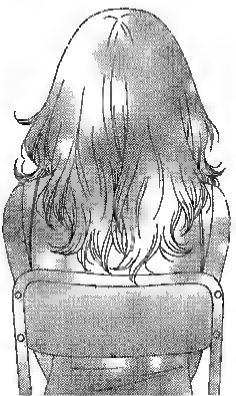


If that had never happened,

I would've never fallen for my brother.

I wonder why I lost my memory?

I wish I could have someone to lean on.



I'm so lonely.

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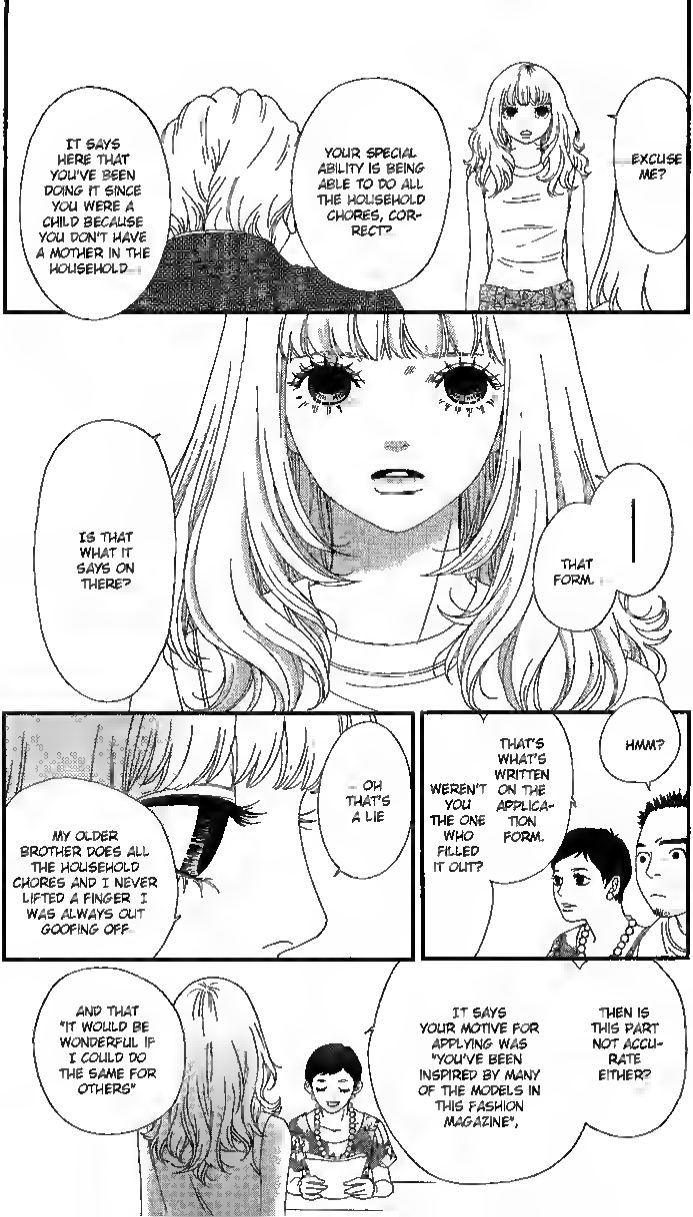
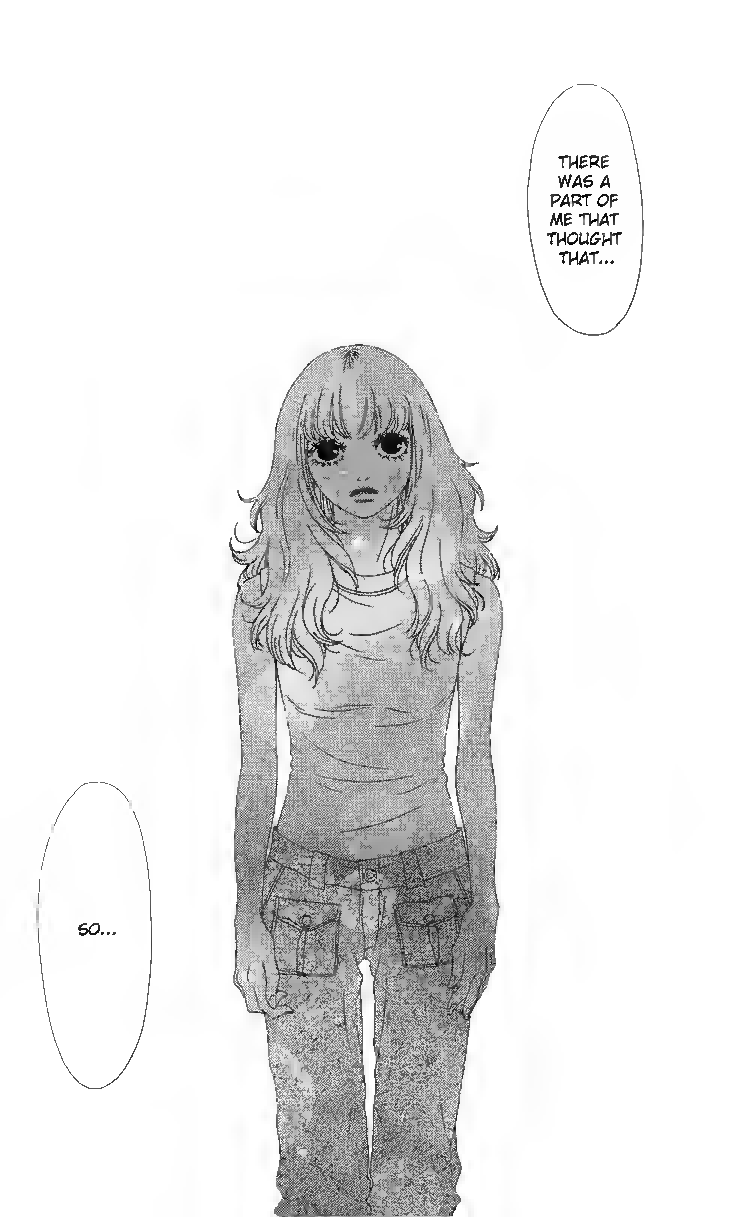
CORRECT?
SAN,


EXCUSE ME?
YOUR SPECIAL ABILITY IS BEING ABLE TO DO ALL THE HOUSEHOLD CHORES, CORRECT?
IT SAYS HERE THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING IT SINCE YOU WERE A CHILD BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE A MOTHER IN THE HOUSEHOLD.
THAT FORM.
IS THAT WHAT IT SAYS ON THERE?
HMM?
WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO FILLED IT OUT?
THAT'S WHAT'S WRITTEN ON THE APPLICATION FORM.
OH THAT'S A LIE
MY OLDER BROTHER DOES ALL THE HOUSEHOLD CHORES AND I NEVER LIFTED A FINGER. I WAS ALWAYS OUT GOOFING OFF.
THEN IS THIS PART NOT ACCURATE EITHER?
IT SAYS YOUR MOTIVE FOR APPLYING WAS "YOU'VE BEEN INSPIRED BY MANY OF THE MODELS IN THIS FASHION MAGAZINE",
AND THAT "IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF I COULD DO THE SAME FOR OTHERS"

UH WELL THEN, HOW ABOUT WE MOVE ON
What's with this girl? o_o
THEN WHAT ABOUT TODAY?
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
I FORGOT
WHO KNOWS?
I-
OOWADA-SAN, WE'RE ALREADY PRESSURED FOR TIME AS IT IS

THAT'S WHY
I THOUGHT THAT IF I DID SOMETHING,
I'LL BE ABLE TO GAIN SOMETHING.
DON'T HAVE ANYTHING.
NOTHING AT ALL.


THERE WAS A PART OF ME THAT THOUGHT THAT...
SO...

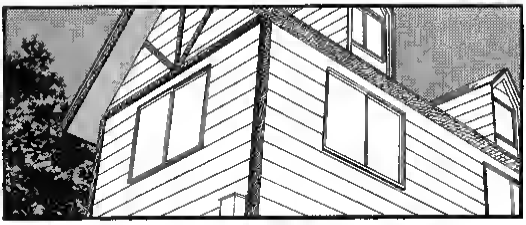
YO.
IT'S FINISHED ALREADY, ISN'T IT?
AREN'T YOU GONNA HEAD HOME?

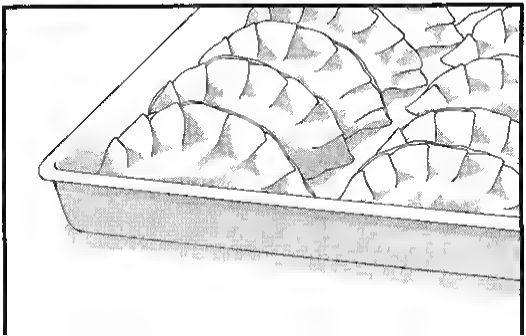
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHY— IT'S BECAUSE YOU TOLD ME BEFORE THAT YOU WERE GONNA GO THROUGH WITH THE AUDITION.
...HUH.
THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?
CAN'T YOU EVEN SAY SOMETHING LIKE "YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME? THANK YOU♡" TALK ABOUT BEING UNCUTE
slurrp
THE ONE YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT IS #1 THOUGH, ISN'T IT?
SINCE I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING HER FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
....JUST FORGET IT.
LET'S JUST GO. I'M TIRED.
NO.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "NO"?
I'M NOT GOING TO GO BACK TO KULIRI ANYMORE.
AND BESIDES, EVEN IF I WANTED TO, I CAN'T.
DON'T FOLLOW ME
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AT HOME?
SUPERSTA
DID YOU DO SOMETHING?
WHAT? YOU BROKE AN EXPENSIVE PLATE AND HE GOT MAD AT YOU? SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
OR IS IT..
DID YOU GET INTO A FIGHT?

3.

My, again..?





Even if she loses her trust in me, I can't be surprised...

Yelling at Shii-chan when she knows nothing...

Kai-kun
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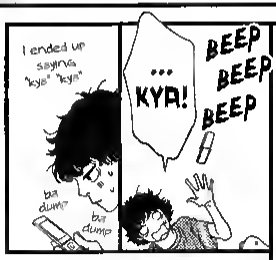
Incoming Call



AH, HELLO? IS THIS ONII-SAN?
I'M HERE WITH SHIORI-SENPAI IN TOKYO RIGHT NOW...
I DON'T KNOW WHY,
BUT SENPAI'S BEEN SULKING AND SAYING SHE CAN'T GO HOME ANYMORE...
SHE SAYS SHE'LL ONLY CAUSE TROUBLE FOR YOU GUYS IF SHE GOES HOME.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON AT ALL...

"WILL I ONLY CAUSE YOU TROUBLE BY STAYING HERE?"
"DAD, IS IT BETTER IF I DON'T LIVE AT THIS HOUSE?"
" WHY DO I ALWAYS CAUSE YOU TROUBLE?"
"WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, AKIO? YOU ARE A CHILD OF THIS HOUSE "
KAI-KUN,
WOULD YOU MIND SWITCHING WITH SHII-CHAN?
HE SAYS HE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU
NO!
I'M SCARED!

HE'S THE LEAST SCARIEST PERSON ON THIS EARTH, ISN'T HE?
I SAID NO!
Owwww! Let me go, idiot!
COME HURRY ON HOME.
I MADE LOTS OF THE DUMPLINGS THAT YOU LOVE SO MUCH.
SHII-CHAN,
I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS MORNING

clank
clank
clank
clank
clank
clank
clank
clank
clank
clank
clank
clank

WELCOME BACK, SHII-CHAN.

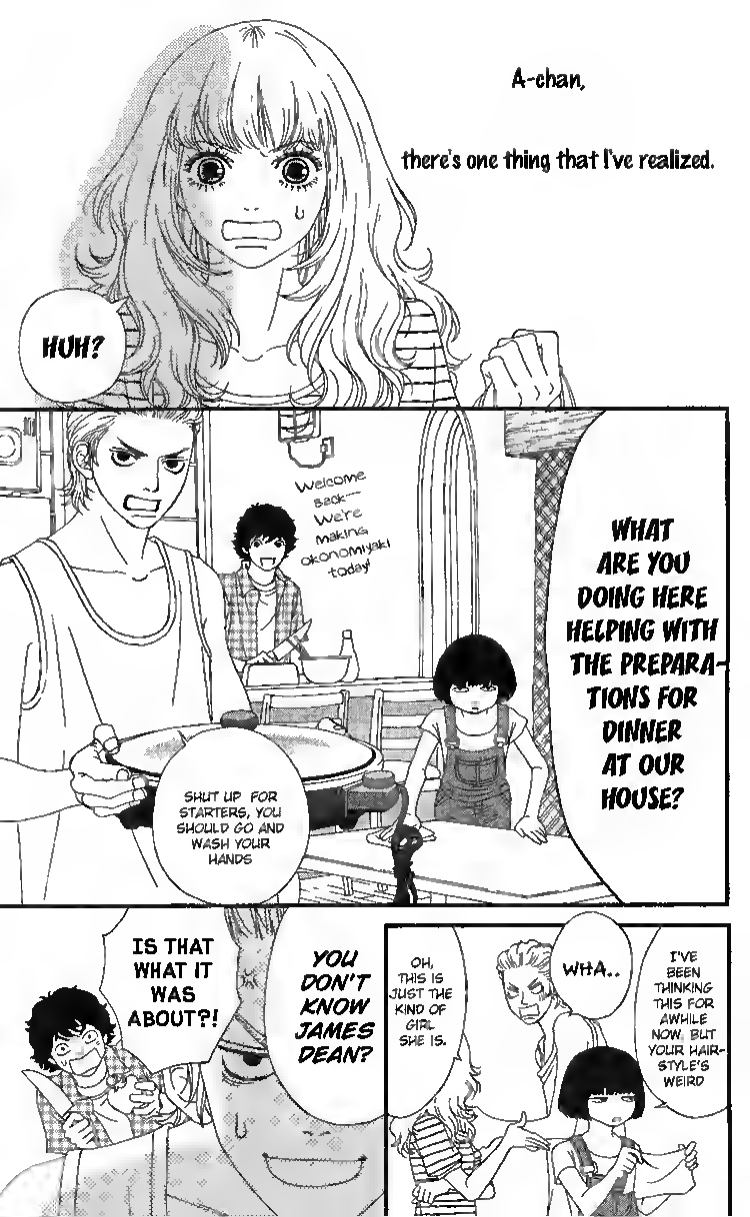
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
KAI-KUN, THANK YOU FOR THE OTHER DAY.
NO, REALLY
SHE CAN BE A BIT STUBBORN, SO IF YOU HADN'T BEEN THERE, SHE MIGHT JUST HAVE RUN AWAY FROM HOME
HOW HAS SHE BEEN SINCE THEN?
HMM...
WELL SHE IS ACTING NORMALLY, BUT I THINK SHE'S STILL A BIT PREOCCUPIED, SO HER SMILES ARE A BIT AWKWARD
THAT CHICK REALLY IS STUPID, HUH?
SHE HAS THIS EXPRESSION ON HER FACE LIKE IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD JUST BECAUSE SHE GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH HER BROTHER!
At my place, we're always getting into fights...

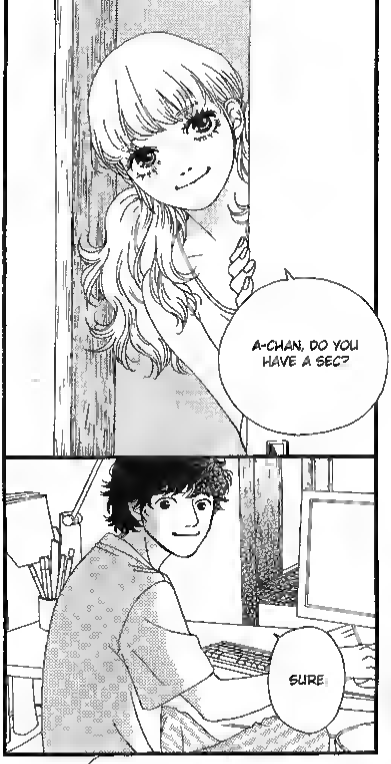
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
blinks
AH! SORRY ABOUT CALLING HER "THAT CHICK" AND "STUPID"
That's your sister
ha ha ha
IT'S PRETTY HARD
TO TRUST SOMEONE FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART AND TO FEEL AT EASE, ISN'T IT?
OF COURSE, IT FEELS WONDERFUL TO BE TRE. TED KINDLY AND TO BE TOLD THAT YOU'RE PRECIOUS TO THEM.
BUT SOMEWHERE IN THE CORNER OF YOUR HEART, THERE'S STILL THIS FEELING OF UNEASINESS
AND WHEN YOU REALIZE IT, YOU'VE REALIZED YOU'VE STOPPED THINKING OF STUFF LIKE THAT.
BUT FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, IT TAKES ALL SORTS OF TIME

SHII-CHAN ALWAYS ACTS SO CHEERFUL THAT I'D FORGOTTEN
BUT FROM HER POINT OF VIEW, IT'S ONLY BEEN SEVERAL MONTHS SINCE SHE'S JOINED A FAMILY.
I REALLY AM A TERRIBLE BROTHER.
My head was filled with my doubts...
I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT...
ONII-SAN,
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF SHIORI-SENPAI NEVER GETS HER MEMORIES BACK?
NOTHING.
"THE STUFF ABOUT #1 AND #2... WHEN IT COMES RIGHT DOWN TO IT, THERE'S ONLY ONE KIKUK WA SHIORI ON THIS EARTH, RIGHT?"

WE'LL ALWAYS BE A FAMILY.
ONII-SAN...
DURING SUMMER BREAK, CAN I VISIT YOUR HOUSE FROM TIME TO TIME?
SURE! OF COURSE YOU CAN!
You should come and eat dinner with us!
YEAH! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
kya
kya

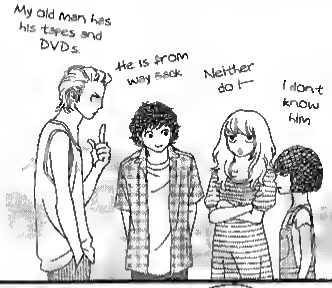
beep
beep
beep
AH!
KIKU-KAWA-SAN, ISN'T THAT YOUR CELL?
beep
beep
beep
beep
beep
beep
BITOU LOLLIPOP
HELLO?
It rarely ever beeps so I didn't notice it
IS THIS KIKUKAWA SHIORI-SAN?
THIS IS THE EDITORIAL DEPART-MENT AT COOKIE STYLE


A-chan,
there's one thing that I've realized.
HUH?
Welcome back~~ We're making okonomiyaki today!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE HELPING WITH THE PREPARATIONS FOR DINNER AT OUR HOUSE?
SHUT UP FOR STARTERS, YOU SHOULD GO AND WASH YOUR HANDS
IS THAT WHAT IT WAS ABOUT?!
YOU DON'T KNOW JAMES DEAN?
OH, THIS IS JUST THE KIND OF GIRL SHE IS.
WHA..
I'VE BEEN THINKING THIS FOR AWHILE NOW. BUT YOUR HAIRSTYLE'S WEIRD



Well...
I'm not sure if it's "realized".

It's more like something I knew but had covered up because I was scared.



BUT I HAVE TO SAY, IT REALLY IS LIKE HIM FOR HIM TO SAY THAT EVEN THOUGH JAMES DEAN IS SUPER COOL, HE ALWAYS ENDS UP FALLING ASLEEP HALFWAY THROUGH THE MOVIE SO HE'S NEVER WATCHED ANY OF HIS MOVIES TO THE VERY END.
A-CHAN.
He really is a nice boy.
IT WAS FUN HAVING KAI-KUN OVER TONIGHT, WASN'T IT?
WHO WOULD'VE EVER THOUGHT THAT THAT HAIRSTYLE WAS INSPIRED BY JAMES DEAN?

I MADE IT THROUGH TO THE SECOND STAGE OF THE AUDITIONS.
NEXT WILL BE THE CAMERA TEST.
THEY SAID THE READERS OF THE MAGAZINE WILL BE VOTING FROM THE PICTURES.

"I HATE YOU!"
SHII-CHAN"
That wasn't just my imagination,
was it?
Hey, A-chan.
I'D SPACED OUT, AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, THE INTERVIEW WAS OVER
I'M NOT SURE WHY I'M STILL LEFT,
BUT I WANT TO TRY IT OUT
But because the me right now has no one I can rely on except you,
I'm so scared that I can't ask what had happened before you said that.

That was my memory...
The only thing I remember.
...PLEASE LET ME CONTINUE ON WITH THE AUDITION
I THOUGHT THAT IF I DID SOMETHING,
I'LL BE ABLE TO GAIN SOMETHING
And even though I'm not sure what'll happen...

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"PLEASE LET ME CONTINUE ON WITH THE AUDITION."
EVEN NOW, IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO BECOME A FAN MODEL,
BUT WHEN I HEARD THAT I MADE IT THROUGH THE SCREENING,
I FELT LIKE IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT I WAS ACKNOWLEDGED AS A PERSON.

SO...
A-chan's troubled...
I'm troubling him again...
YEAH,
OKAY THEN.
EH?
BUT JUST REMEMBER ONE THING, OKAY?
IT'S PROBABLY THE CASE THAT YOU HAVE THINGS THAT ARE HARD TO TELL OTHERS AND YOU DON'T WANT TO OPEN UP ABOUT,
BUT JUST REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN TELL ME ANYTHING AT ANYTIME

DON'T FORGET THAT I WANT TO BE ABLE TO BE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR YOU, NO MATTER HOW SMALL
gr abs
NEEEEVER
EVER
FORGET THAT.
OKAY?

A-chan, A-chan.

A-chan.

The truth is I want to lean on you even more.

There are so many things I want to grumble about.

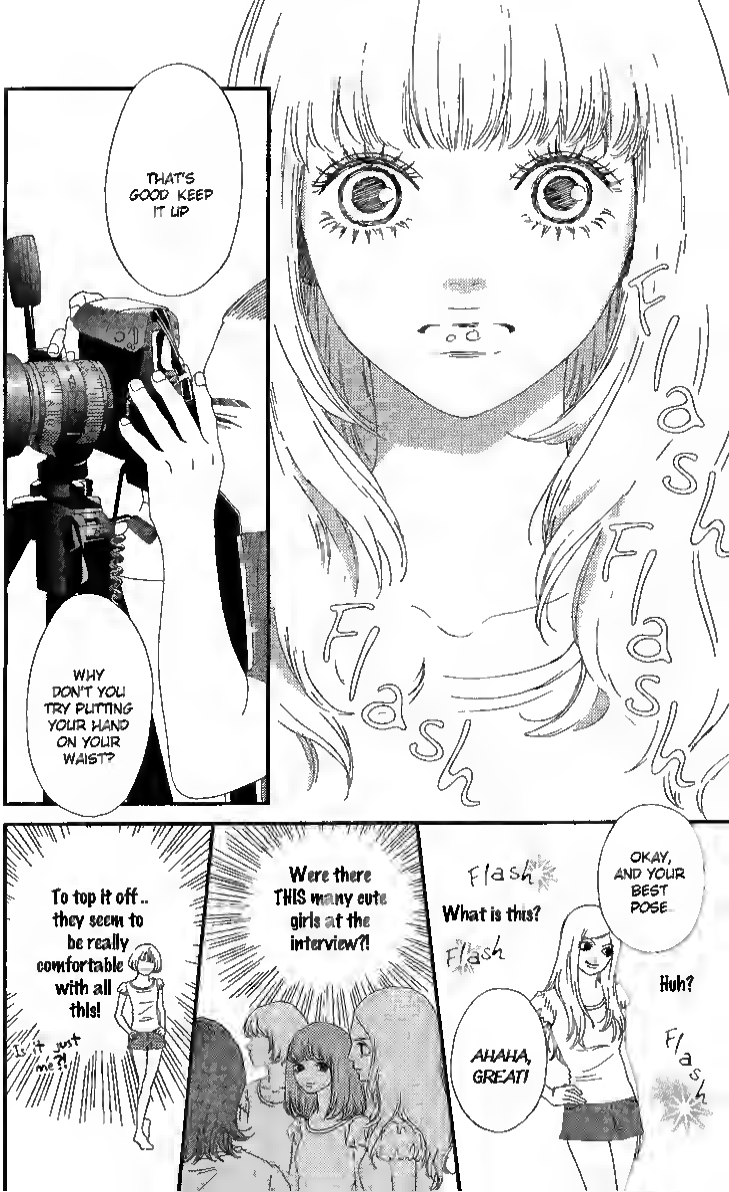
I want to say lots of selfish things.

I want you to always stay by my side.

I want you to always be thinking of me.

Until I can feel at ease,
I want you to squeeze me tight in your arms... for however many hours and days it takes.
If I were able to see A-chan as my brother,
I wonder if I would've been able to tell him this.

I wonder if that kind of day will ever come?
SHII-CHAN?! ARE YOU CRYING?!
HAHA, NO. I'M FINE.
panic
panic
THANKS, A-CHAN.
I'M GOING TO DO MY BEST.


THAT'S GOOD KEEP IT UP
WHY DON'T YOU TRY PUTTING YOUR HAND ON YOUR WAIST?
Flash
Flash
Flash
To top it off.. they seem to be really comfortable with all this!
Is it just me?!
Were there THIS many cute girls at the interview?!
Flash
What is this?
Flash
AHAHA, GREAT!
OKAY, AND YOUR BEST POSE
Huh?
Flash

EVEN AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-LOOKING GIRL LOOKS RIGHT AT HOME
Is this a role for me?
Flash
Flash
OKAY, LEAN YOUR NECK A BIT
GREAT SMILE! LET'S GET ONE MORE SHOTS IN
SO SHE MADE IT TO THE SECOND STAGE
OH
What am I going to do?
I'm starting to feel super nervous.
but everyone's so impressive...
and they're all looking at me. Am I really going to have to smile in front of the camera under these circumstances?
I said I would do my best.

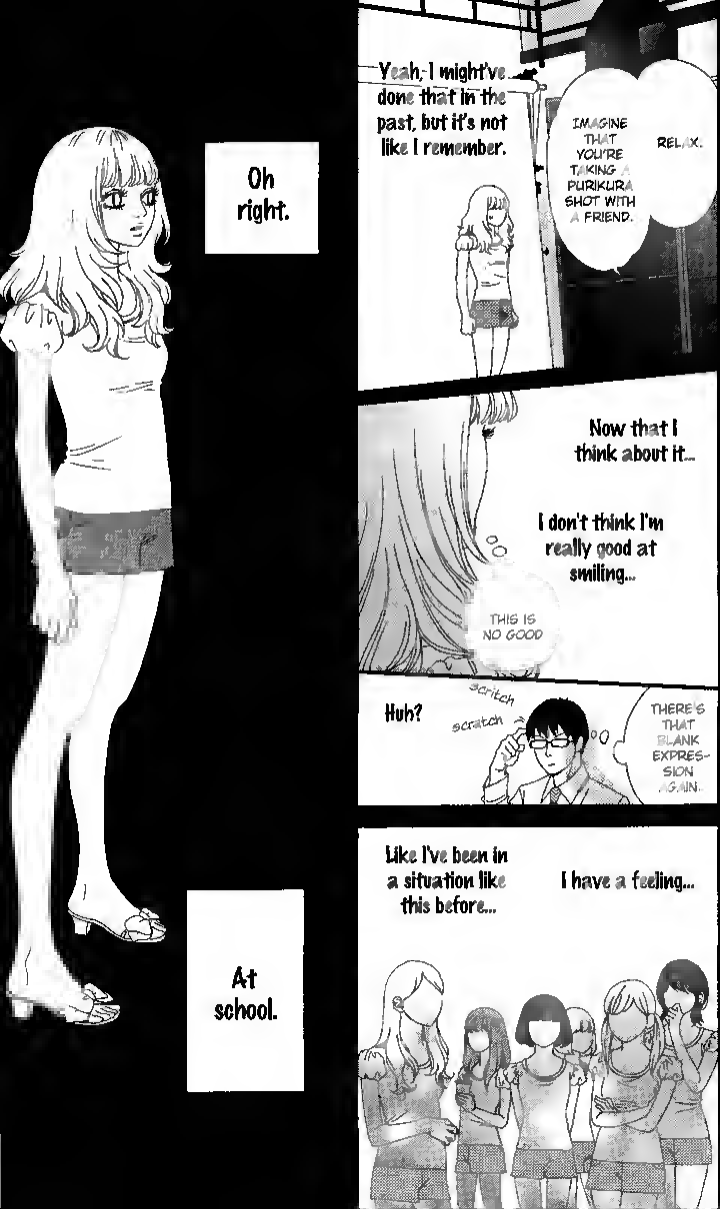
There's just no way..!
GREAT JOB
IT WAS A PIECE OF CAKE~ ♡
#21, KIKUKAWA SHIORI-SAN!
KIKU-KAWA-SAN!
KIKIKAWA SHIORI-SAN!
IS #21 KIKUKAWA SHIORI-SAN HERE?
Noise
Noise
WHAT! THEN THIS TIME AROUND, YOU SHOULD'VE GONE WITH HER!
BUT SHE SAID SHE PREFERRED TO GO ALONE...
MIZUKI!
OH, SO SHIORI-CHAN HAS HER CAMERA TEST TODAY?
Matsumoto

I'M GOING TO GO TO TAKEI-SAN'S—
(First floor)
WHAT IS IT?
(Second floor)
OKAY!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE THE HOUSE, MAKE SURE TO LOCK UP.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
OH, NO WORRIES
Um... WHERE WERE WE?
RIGHT SO RIGHT ABOUT NOW, SHIORI-CHAN SHOULD BE GETTING HER CAMERA.
I'M SORRY, MIZUKI-CHAN!

I PROMISED TO GO ON A TRIP WITH YOU,
BUT I CAN'T GO.
SHII-CHAN'S STILL IN AN UNSTABLE STATE,
AND MAA-CHAN'S STILL IN GRADE 7. .

I'M SO STUPID. I'M SORRY.
BUT IT'S LIKE... I WAS SO HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO START GOING OUT WITH YOU THAT...
IF I HAD GIVEN IT EVEN A LITTLE BIT OF THOUGHT, IT WOULD'VE BEEN EASY TO SEE.
I'M REALLY SORRY!!!
AT ANY RATE,

KIKUKAWA-SAN...
KIKU-KAWA SHIORI-SAN,
IT'S YOUR TURN
I know,
but my legs...
OKAY THEN, LET'S DO OUR BEST!


Oh right.
At school.
Yeah, I might've done that in the past, but it's not like I remember.
IMAGINE THAT YOU'RE TAKING A PURIKURA SHOT WITH A FRIEND.
RELAX.
Now that I think about it...
I don't think I'm really good at smiling...
THIS IS NO GOOD
Huh?
scratch
scratch
THERE'S THAT BLANK EXPRESSION AGAIN.
Like I've been in a situation like this before...
I have a feeling...

The first day I went to school after I lost my memory.
It felt like everyone at school was looking at me like some strange being.
and it was really scary.
I couldn't stop my hands and legs from shaking,
but even then I did my best to put on a straight face.
HUH.
COM- PARED TO THEN...
Flash

This is nothing.
Flash

AKIO-CHAN, YOU'RE UNDERESTIMATING ME, AREN'T YOU?!
So you're going to break up with me after all?
EH?!
SINCE I WAS WORRYING ABOUT WHAT I WOULD DO IF YOU BROKE UP WITH ME..
...YEAH..
ARE YOU SURPRISED?
I'VE LIKED YOU SINCE WAYYYYYY BACK WHEN WE WERE KIDS!
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO BREAK UP WITH YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GO ON A TRIP WITH ME!
LET'S BOTH FEEL SORRY TOGETHER.
SO DON'T KEEP APOLOGIZING TO ME, OKAY?
I WAS SO HAPPY THAT I WAS A BIT CARELESS TOO.

THANKS
SORRY
HOW MANY KISSES DOES THIS MAKE?
UMM... FIVE!
RIGHT!
BUT YOU KNOW, AKIO-CHAN, YOU REALLY DO APOLOGIZE TOO MUCH
SORRY
TURN YOUR BODY SLIGHTLY TO THE LEFT,
AND GAZE THIS WAY
Flash
Flash
Flash
OKAY, THAT'S A WRAP GOOD WORK

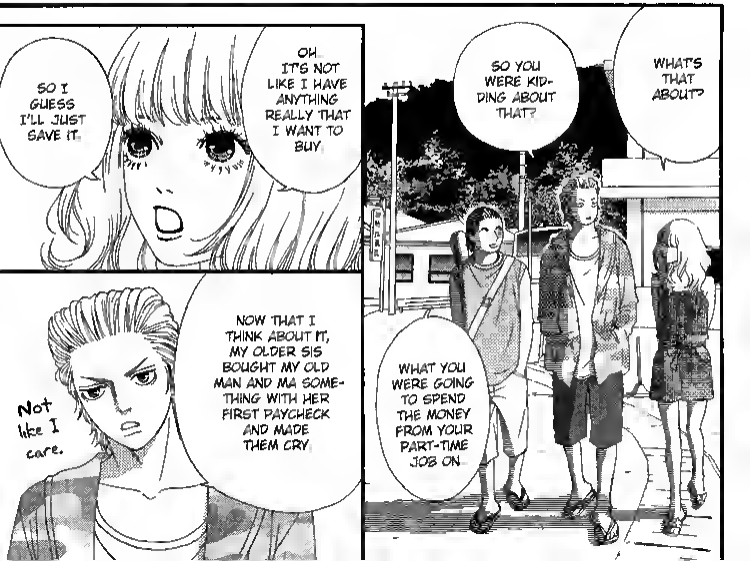
HOW'D THAT CAMERA TEST-THINGAMAJIG GO?
SO,
A DUD!
A COMPLETE AND UTTER DUD!
I COMPLETELY FAILED THE CAMERA TEST!
OH? SO YOU'RE NOT GONNA BE IN THE MAGAZINE?
UGGHH IT WAS SO EMBARRASSING
I'M NOT CUT OUT FOR STUFF LIKE THAT!
IT'S LIKE, THERE WERE SO MANY REALLY PRETTY GIRLS THERE
OH, I HEARD THAT THERE ARE GIRLS THAT APPLY WHO'RE ALREADY PART OF A TALENT AGENCY AND WHO'VE BEEN MODELING FOR MAGAZINES TARGETED TOWARDS KIDS
OH I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
You sure know a lot.
WELL, WHATEVER. NOW THAT IT'S ALL OVER, IT NOT LIKE I DIDN'T FIND IT FUN.

#1 PROBABLY WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER SUITED FOR IT.
I'm going to go buy some ice cream
ALTHOUGH THIS IS JUST MY OPINION,
BUT THE SHIORI-SENPAI RIGHT NOW IS PRETTY COOL TOO, DON'T YOU THINK?

Ishoujo Scans

So there's only half of summer break left, huh?
WHAT A BUMMER
SO SCHOOL'S GOING TO START AGAIN
HEY, DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME?
Ohhhhh!?
CAN I HELP YOU WITH SOME-THING?
YOU THINK?
Swish
No, nothing at all! I'm sorry!
MO~RON! HE WAS TOTALLY TRYING TO HIT ON YOU!
HE ONLY ASKED ME WHERE THE STORE WAS

SENPAI, SO DID YOU BUY THE COTTON CANDY MACHINE?
Give it back idiot! It's going to melt!
Maho let's swim!

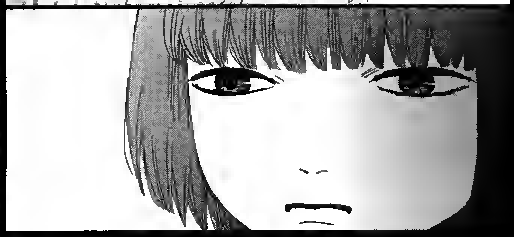

WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?
SO YOU WERE KIDDING ABOUT THAT?
WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO SPEND THE MONEY FROM YOUR PART-TIME JOB ON
OH IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE ANYTHING REALLY THAT I WANT TO BUY.
SO I GUESS I'LL JUST SAVE IT.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, MY OLDER SIS BOUGHT MY OLD MAN AND MA SOMETHING WITH HER FIRST PAYCHECK AND MADE THEM CRY.
Not like I care.

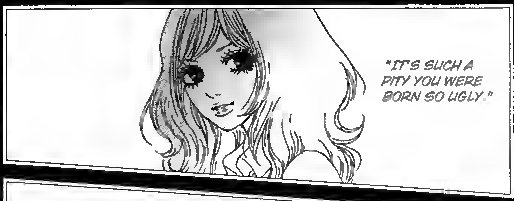
You say some pretty good stuff, once in a while, Kai!
THAT'S IT! THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO!
I know that A-chan'll be ecstatic no matter what I get him,
but the challenge is what to get Maa-chan...
She does hate me after all
AND MAA-CHAN COLLECTS STATIONERY RIGHT ?
FOR A-CHAN IT CAN BE SOCKS OR A T-SHIRT OR A HAT.

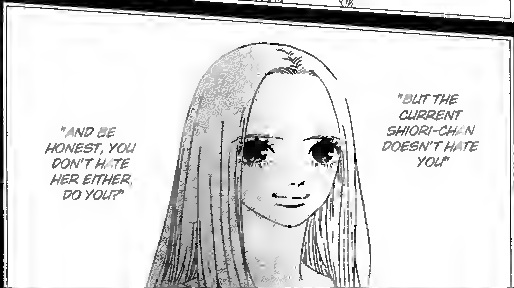
4.

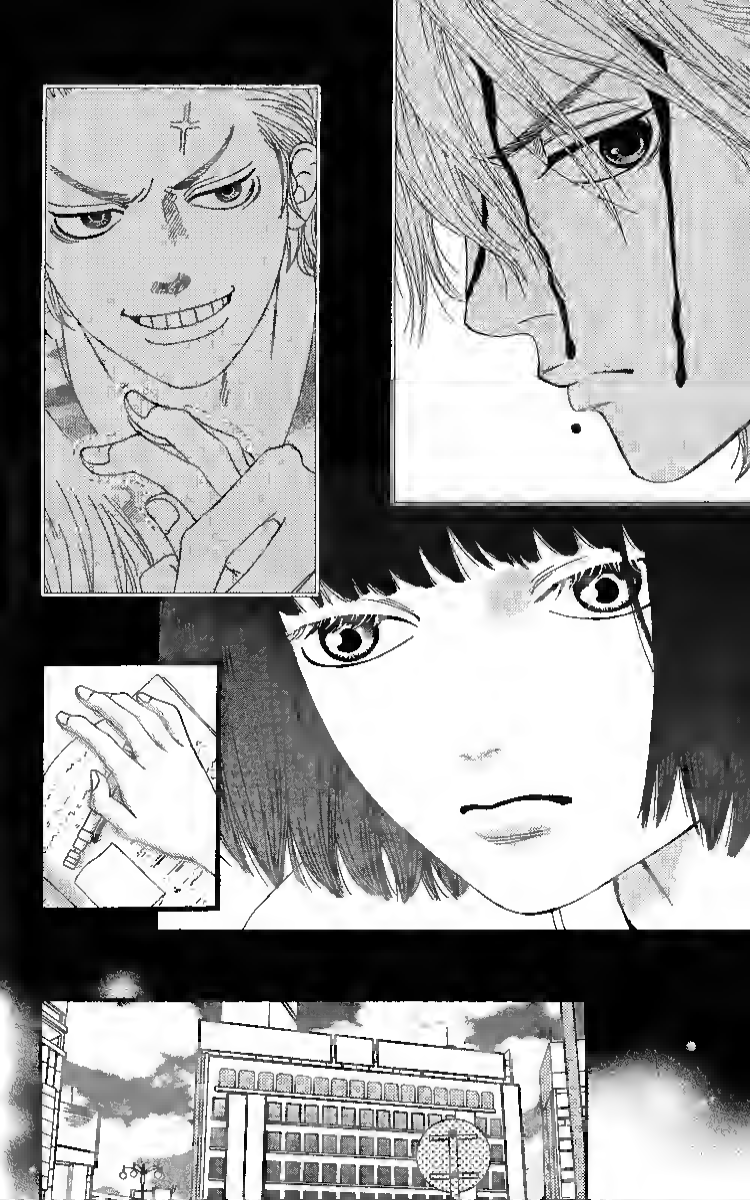
Huh!
No way!

If I'm going to get her something, I want it to be something that she'll like.
If she's even a little happy, I'll be ecstatic.

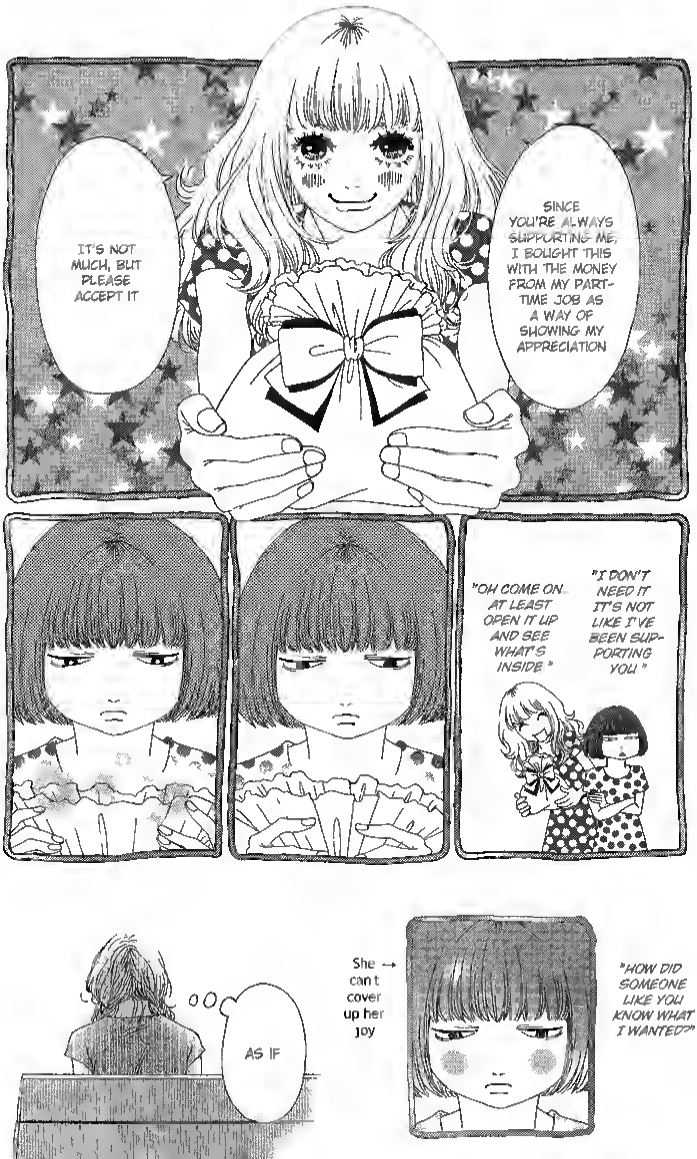



"IT'S SUCH A PITY YOU WERE BORN SO UGLY."


"AND BE HONEST, YOU DON'T HATE HER EITHER, DO YOU?"
"BUT THE CURRENT SHIORI-CHAN DOESN'T HATE YOU!"



PHEW...
IT'S NO USE...
I DECIDED ON A-CHAN'S GIFT IN TEN MINUTES,
I'm tired...
BUT EVEN AFTER WALKING AROUND FOR AN ENTIRE DAY, I STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DECIDE ON A PRESENT FOR MAA-CHAN...
Aaaah...
I'VE SEEN SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS THAT MY MIND'S A JUMBLED MESS!
WHAT CAN I GIVE HER THAT'LL MAKE HER HAPPY..
A no is a no
and that's that.
It has to be a surprise, so I can't ask for advice from A-chan,
and if it's Mizuki-san, she'd probably know the kind of stuff Maa-chan likes, but I don't want to give her something that Mizuki-san told me to get...
Phew...


IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT PLEASE ACCEPT IT
SINCE YOU'RE ALWAYS SUPPORTING ME, I BOUGHT THIS WITH THE MONEY FROM MY PART-TIME JOB AS A WAY OF SHOWING MY APPRECIATION
"OH COME ON... AT LEAST OPEN IT UP AND SEE WHAT'S INSIDE."
"I DON'T NEED IT IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE BEEN SUPPORTING YOU."
AS IF
She can't cover up her joy
"HOW DID SOMEONE LIKE YOU KNOW WHAT I WANTED?"

ALL RIGHTY!
I'M GOING TO GO AROUND THE GENERAL STORE AND THE CLOTHING SHOPS AGAIN
But like...
I wish I at least had something to go on...
Why not...
COOKIE STYLE EDITING DEPARTMENT
OOWADA-SAN.
I thought of something good!

ASAGI-SAN
IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE WORKING WITH YOU
HOW DID OUR HAZUKI DO?
HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH THE JUDGMENT OF THE CAMERA TESTS?
WE'VE PRETTY MUCH DECIDED. WE MIGHT STILL END UP SWITCHING A FEW THOUGH
THAT'S STILL A SECRET~
WHAT ABOUT KIKUKAWA SHIORI?
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD YOUR EYE ON HER, ASAGI-SAN
WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON HER, OOWADA-SAN?

YOU HAVE A POINT THERE.
I'M NOT SURE IF SHE'LL BE A HIT WITH OUR FEMALE READERS
BUT HER FACIAL EXPRESSIONS ARE A BIT LACKING.
WELL, HER FACE AND FIGURE ARE GOOD.
HEY, OOWADA-SAN.
KIKUKAWA SHIORI?
WOULD YOU MIND DROPPING

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EXTRA CHAPTER

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SHUT UP, KIKUKAWA.
YOU GLOOMY DOG!
HEY! THAT'S SO MEAN! APOLOGIZE TO MAHO-PPE!
IT'S OKAY, YUKKO.
I DON'T CARE IF YOU THINK I'M UGLY OR NOT, BUT CLEAN UP, WILL YOU?
I WANT TO WRAP THIS UP AS FAST AS POSSIBLE SO I CAN HEAD HOME
By this time,
I had already become used to being on the receiving ends of words like th

Click
My older sister was the scum of scums.
YOU STOLE MONEY FROM MY PIGGY BANK, DIDN'T YOU?!
WHAT? I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
WHAT'S UP, DOG FACE?
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST KNOCK BEFORE YOU ENTER SOMEONE ELSE'S ROOM.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SO CARELESS THAT YOU LOSE STUFF LIKE THAT
OR WHAT, DO YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF PROOF THAT I DID IT?
She had no qualms about going into other people's rooms without permission and taking money and goods. She looked at my diary.
She lied without batting an eyelash.
Ahahah
YOU LOOK LIKE A FROG! HOLY~ YOU LOOK JUST LIKE A FROG!
WHAT IS WITH THAT FACE~? HOW

Since middle school, she took to goofing off and staying out overnight
...HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU BEFORE YOU UNDERSTAND?!
OR WHAT, DO YOU WANT TO BE HIT AGAIN?!
DAD!
SHII-CHAN, ARE YOU OKAY?
SHUT UP STAY AWAY FROM ME. YOU'RE CREEPING ME OUT.
Despite all that, she put on an affable front.
THIS IS MY LITTLE SISTER~
She's cute, isn't it? ♡
FOR REAL?!
YOU GUYS DON'T LOOK AT ALL ALIKE!
I always thought how great it would be if she could just drop dead.

5.

Well this

must be fate.!

But the one who ended up dying was dad.

...IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!

SHI-CHAN!

Watching in a rage and crying and placing the blame on Mizuki-chan for her rarely visiting the hospital,

my heart froze over.

I couldn't care less what happened to her anymore.

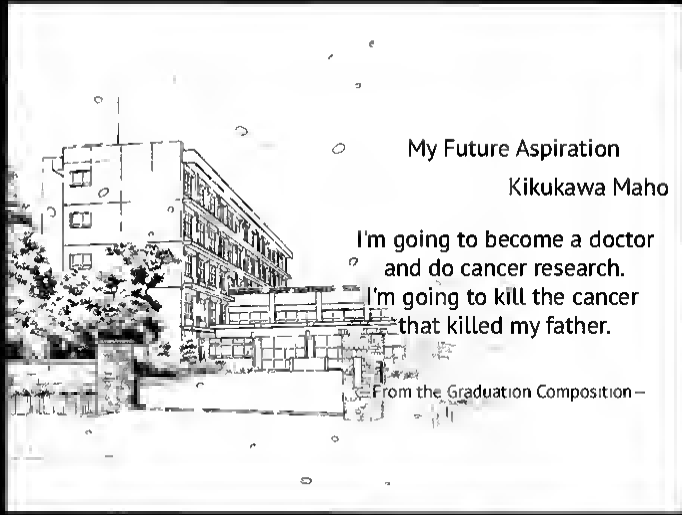
Shi-chan, stop it!

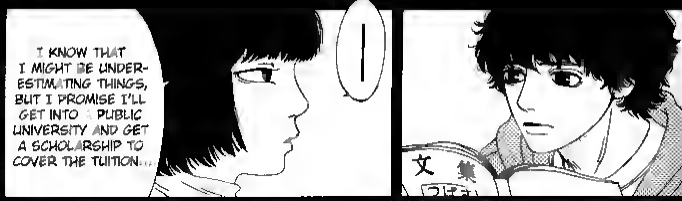
This person isn't my older sister.

I don't have an older sister.

And at any rate I don't even have any memories of the mother who left me as a baby and disappeared.

The only family I have in this world are my dad who died and A-chan.
WHAT SHOULD I DO~?
ANOTHER GUY CONFESSED HIS FEELINGS FOR ME~
I can't hear her.
I can't see her.
She doesn't exist.
SORRY THAT I'M ALWAYS THE ONE GETTING CONFESSED TO~
Swish
Municipal Ku
Gradua
I'M SORRY I SAID MEAN STUFF TO YOU IN GRADE 5.
KIKU-KAWA


My Future Aspiration
Kikukawa Maho
I'm going to become a doctor and do cancer research. I'm going to kill the cancer that killed my father.
—From the Graduation Composition—


I KNOW THAT I MIGHT BE UNDERESTIMATING THINGS, BUT I PROMISE I'LL GET INTO A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY AND GET A SCHOLARSHIP TO COVER THE TUITION...
I
文集
Book Composition Tsubasa

Then why are you looking at me like that?
...DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE MONEY
Book Composition

This spring,
that person got into an accident.
IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE EXPERIENCING WHAT IS OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AMNESIA.

I'll just keep on living like I've been doing pretending that she doesn't exist.
Well, it's not like it matters.
The stupid amnesia act was good for a laugh.
A-chan seemed to be shocked by what had happened,
but I didn't believe it at all.
WHAT IS SHE TRYING TO PULL?
but there's no way this play'll last long.
HUH?
WASN'T IT HERE...?
...THAT'S WEIRD...

HEY, MAA-CHAN.
WHERE'S THE SPARE SPONGE?
THE SPARE SPONGE...
UM...
khum
SPONGE

THANKS.
I saw her alone by the bank.
I saw her many times.
I don't believe this thing called "amnesia".
It's just... on my way back from school,

I also came to remember stuff that I had completely forgotten.

It's probably because A-chan would talk about stuff that happened in the past from time to time as a way of trying to rouse her memories.

A-CHAN,
I COULD CARE LESS ABOUT THIS,
BUT BACK WHEN I WAS A KID,
DID SHE USE TO CALL ME "MAA-CHAN"?
SHE SURE DID
IF MEMORY SERVES ME WELL, I THINK SHE CALLED YOU THAT RIGHT UP UNTIL YOU ENTERED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AND SHE HAS CALLED ME "UGLY" EVER SINCE...
.....
there's this strange pain in my chest—
miin
miin
miin
I don't know why, but lately...
Maybe his job went over time.
THAT'S WEIRD I TEXTED YOUR OLDER BRO TO TELL HIM I WAS HEADING OVER HERE.
YOOO.
Since I've been eating over at your place a lot lately, this is to say thanks.
COULD YOU LET YOUR BRO KNOW THAT YOU ALL ARE WELCOME TO IT IF YOU WANT?
MAHO-CHAN, THESE ARE VEG-ETABLES THAT SOME RELATIVES OF OURS SENT US
WELL, WHAT-EVER.
THUD
HEY. ARE YOU BY YOUR-SELF?

DON'T SWEAT. I'LL MAKE SURE TO CARRY THIS OVER TO THE KITCHEN.
JUST KIDDING.
Something's wrong with me lately.
What's going on?

I even took pride in it.
When I was able to hold her in contempt
I was supposed to have dealt with all this.
but thanks to that, I didn't have to be as foolish
It's true that I'm not pretty like her,
Could you turn the volume up?
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WHAT IS IT, MAA-CHAN?
.....
I SHOULD GO AND STUDY...
Why is it
that I feel so miserable now?
Why does my chest hurt?

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CHAPTER 14

SOMETHING I WANT?
WHY?
"WHY"? WELL, UH—
YEAH.
IS THERE ANY-THING YOU WANT?
OR IT CAN BE STUFF THAT YOU LIKE

I GUESS IT'S JUST BECAUSE
I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW?
YOU'RE CREEPING ME OUT
I'M GOING BACK TO MY ROOM
HEY, WAIT! WAIT!
shoree
shoree
HOW DID IT GO?!

DID YOU MANAGE TO ASK MAA-CHAN WHAT SHE WANTS?
YEP, YOU BETCHA, SO YOU BETTER TREAT ME TO SOME-THING.
THANKS A MILL~ SO WHAT DID SHE TELL YOU?!
UH... WELL FIRST, SHE SAID SHE WANTS HER OWN COM-PUTER.
THAT PLUS A CHINESE FRYING PAN...
AND OH YEAH! AND A MODEL OF THE HUMAN ANATOMY
...SAY AGAIN?
A MODEL OF THE HUMAN ANATOMY. THAT'S THE THING THAT THEY HAVE IN THE SCIENCE ROOM, RIGHT?
SHE SURE IS DIFFERENT, HUH?
IF I HAD A THING LIKE THAT IN MY ROOM, I'D HAVE NIGHT-MARES EVERY NIGHT...

AND AS FOR THE CHINESE FRYING PAN, THAT'S THE ONE A-CHAN SAID HE WANTED BUT HE WASN'T SURE IF HE SHOULD GET IT BECAUSE THERE'S NO PLACE TO PUT IT... AND AS FOR THE MODEL OF THE HUMAN ANATOMY, IT'D SCARE THE HECK OUT OF ME TOO IF IT WAS AT MY HOUSE!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN AFFORD TO BUY A COM-PUTER!
Don't stick an ice cream stick into my head!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
Hey! This one's a winner!
SHE TOLD ME "THAT KIND OF STUFF DOESN'T SUIT ME"
YEAH THAT MAY BE TRUE AND ALL, BUT SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE INTO STUFF LIKE THAT
IT'S LIKE... SHE'S A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRL! THERE MUST BE LOTS OF STUFF, ISN'T THERE? LIKE STUFF LIKE CHAR-ACTER GOODS OR SPARKLY ITEMS...
WHEN I ASKED HER IF GIRLS AREN'T INTO MORE CUTE STUFF,

A-CHAN, IS IT ALL RIGHT IF I BORROW THE COMPUTER?
GO RIGHT AHEAD.
SAPPORO
BEE
WHOA! IT'S EXPENSIVE!
A MODEL OF THE HUMAN ANATOMY IS EXPENSIVE!
There's just no way...
¥230,000
aha ha ha
IF IT'S A CHINESE FRYING PAN, THERE ARE SOME CHEAP ONES
BUT THE ONE WHO WAS WANTING THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE WAS A-CHAN
OH BUT HEY, IF IT'S A SMALL MODEL OF THE HUMAN ANATOMY, I GUESS THERE ARE CHEAP ONES
Hmmm
"THAT KIND OF STUFF DOESN'T SUIT ME"
A MODEL OF THE HUMAN ANATOMY. HUH? HOW NOSTALGIC

WHY ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
DON'T LOOK! GO OVER THERE!
Hey! Why?
THAT SCARED ME...
WHENEVER A-CHAN GETS ALCOHOL IN HIS SYSTEM, HE ALWAYS GETS OVERLY TOUCHY-FEELY

A-CHAN.
HMM? ARE YOU FINISHED?
I WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE.

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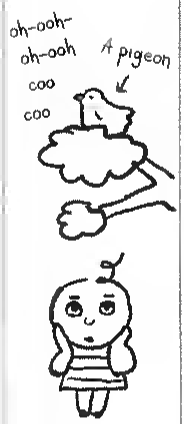

I don't know why, but I suddenly feel really sad about the idea that summer break might just end like this.

Notice of Absence
Name
Kikukawa Shiori-sama
We came to deliver your package but you weren't home.
The package is from
Editor A-sama
KIKU-KAWA-SA-N.
THIS IS THE PARCEL DELIVERY COMPANY!
KIKU-KAW-SA-N!

AN MODEL
From among the many applicants, the o
n selection -> interview. The 16 finalists
reader voting, who will be the girl
Yamamot
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THE START OF VOTING BY THE READERS!!!
ookie Style
MODEL AUDITION
among the many applicants, the ones wh
ien -> interview. The 16 finalists who have
who will be the girl who will sparkle as the
rand winner!!
1 Interests • Special Abilities
2 Strong Points
3 Favorite Celebrity 4 Favorite Phrase
5 Favorite Books/Movies
6 What I Want the Most Right Now
Yamamoto Ayaka
2
Suzuki Yuuna

13
Kiku Shiori
SHUCKS...
IT WOULDN'T HAVE KILLED HER TO DROP HER.
OOWADA-SAN CAN BE SUCH A MEANIE
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?
PRESIDENT
PRESIDENT
knock knock
WELL, WHATEVER
Star fish
Admin strative Section
Sea Side
Camp Site
STAR FISH

WHOAAAA!
IT'S PRETTY CLOSE BY, BUT I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS A PLACE LIKE THIS.
IT SEEMS IT'S PRETTY NEW.
I WISH WE COULD'VE COME HERE BY CAR
A-CHAN, YOU DO HAVE A LICENSE, DON'T YOU?
IT'S A LOT CHEAPER TO GO BY TRAIN THAN IT IS TO RENT A CAR!
Okay~
THE BUNGALOW #5 IS FOR YOU AND MAA-CHAN, AND #6 IS FOR ME AND KAI-KUN.

SHE ENDED UP COMING WITHOUT A FIGHT
I'm so glad.
WHOA
IT'S A LOT BIGGER THAN IT LOOKS ON THE OUTSIDE
I was worried that since Mizuki-san ended up not being able to take time off from her part-time job, that Maa-chan and others might not want to come either, but...
O-KAY. ROGER THAT.
Right!
I should change too
I'M GOING TO CHANGE, SO DON'T LOOK THIS WAY.

A-chan...
He immediately set up plans for this camp trip when I told him that I wanted to "go somewhere".
I'M SO HAPPY! THIS'LL BE SUPER FUN
I even bought a swim suit!
glances
1 - 3
Kikuawa

The Last of the Last of Summer Break.
KA~I~
SPLAT
SPLAT
SPLAT
cackle
cackle
What're you doing?
OOOOW!
LET'S RACE TO SEE WHO CAN GET TO THE BUOY IN THE COAST THE FASTEST!

NAH I'LL PASS
BUT WHY~? IF YOU GET YOUR ELVIS DO WET, DO YOU LOSE ALL YOUR POWER?
GEEZ, YOU GUYS ARE WAY TOO HYPER!
That's not that funny
cackle
cackle
cackle
hehe~
hehe
LATER.
MAHO-CHAN, AREN'T YOU GONNA SWIM?
HUH
...EEZ~...

EVEN THOUGH IT'S THIS HOT THE WATER'S PRETTY COLD
AUGUST REALLY IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE, HUH?
HA...
THIS FEELS SO GOOD
A-CHAN...
WHAT IS IT?
Are you sad that Mizuki-san couldn't come?
YEAH

Nah
WHAT'S UP?
NOTHING!
I COULD ASK YOU THE SAME THING
AHAHA, NAH...
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT THE LAST TIME I PLAYED IN THE SEA WITH YOU LIKE THIS
WAS BACK WHEN YOU WERE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

YOU WERE SO MISCHIEVOUS,
AND YOU EVEN SWAM OFF INTO PLACES THAT YOU WEREN'T ALLOWED TO SWIM INTO
YOU DRANK SOME BEER BEFORE YOU GOT IN THE WATER, DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
...A-CHAN, ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE I'M FINE

In his mind, there is a history of the time I spent with him as siblings.
It makes me realize from the bottom of my heart that to him, I'm his younger sister.
And as for me, every time I hear stories like that, I always feel a bit sad.
A-chan, who reminisces of memories from back when were kids with a kind face.
Those are memories that have disappeared from my mind.
MAHO-CHAN, AT SCHOOL, DO YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND OR SOME GUY YOU LIKE?
WHAT? WHY NOT?
LIKE I'D HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT

WELL,
IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT
WELL, WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT MADE YOU FALL FOR THAT PERSON?
"THAT PERSON"?
OH... YOU MEAN SHIORI-SENPAI?
YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON SHE IS...
...
THAT'S SO STUPID

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BUT YOU KNOW,
HER SMILE WAS REALLY CUTE
SO WHAT? IS ALL THAT MATTERS IS A PERSON'S LOOKS?
HOW PA-THETIC.
THAT'S WHY I HATE GUYS.
HMMM...
WELL IT'S TRUE THAT I PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT SHIORI SENPAI.
WHY DON'T YOU TRY SMILING A BIT MORE TOO, MAHO-CHAN?

I can't site
through it
GIRL
TEEN

ONII-SAN, LET'S TRY THIS ONE!
MAA-CHAN BE CAREFUL
EVERYONE, DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?
WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?
UH WELL, I THINK A LARGE PART OF WHY I'M ABLE TO LEAD A NORMAL LIFE
DESPITE ME BEING IN THE CONDITION THAT I'M IN,
IS MAINLY THANKS TO A-CHAN AND MAA-CHAN.

IT'S NOT MUCH BUT IT'S MY WAY OF SAYING THANKS
AS FAR AS I CAN REMEMBER, I BOUGHT THESE WITH THE FIRST PART-TIME JOB I EVER HAD IN MY LIFE..
HERE...
HEH... I'M SORRY THAT IT'S JUST A SET OF SOCKS..!
ONII-SAN'S TEARING UP!
Ah,
SHII-CHAN...
NO, I'M REALLY HAPPY. I'LL TREASURE IT AND PUT IT AWAY SOMEWHERE SAFE
UHH... NO YOU SHOULD WEAR THEM.

MAA-CHAN, YOURS IS-
OH,
Uh... But you'll get sand all over it
Well then maybe we should've put a mat down!
I HAD A REALLY HARD TIME DECIDING,
BUT IN THE END, I DECIDED TO TRY MAKING IT
By buying a book and materials...
Huh?
FOR REAL?! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD DO STUFF LIKE THIS!
YOU MADE THIS, SHII-CHAN?!
I thought you were the clumsy type
I GAVE YOU A TEDDY BEAR BEFORE THAT I MADE, REMEMBER?
Shut up!
I DON'T USE STUFF LIKE THAT EITHER,
BUT I THINK IT'S SOMETHING FUN TO HANG ON TO.
THAT'S WHAT I-
thought so
WELL, THAT'S IT!
NO NEED TO BE EMBAR-RASSED

LET'S SET OFF SOME FIRE-WORKS!
He must mean the snake ones.
What's that?
Hey, there are poop fireworks.
Saying something like this to me... after all that's happened...
"DOG FACE."
"WHY DON'T YOU TRY SMILING A BIT MORE TOO, MAHO-CHAN?"
...JUST CUT THE CRAP...
"IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT?"
"I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW?"

Doing something like this after all that's happened...
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU...
Click
Hmm...
SWISH

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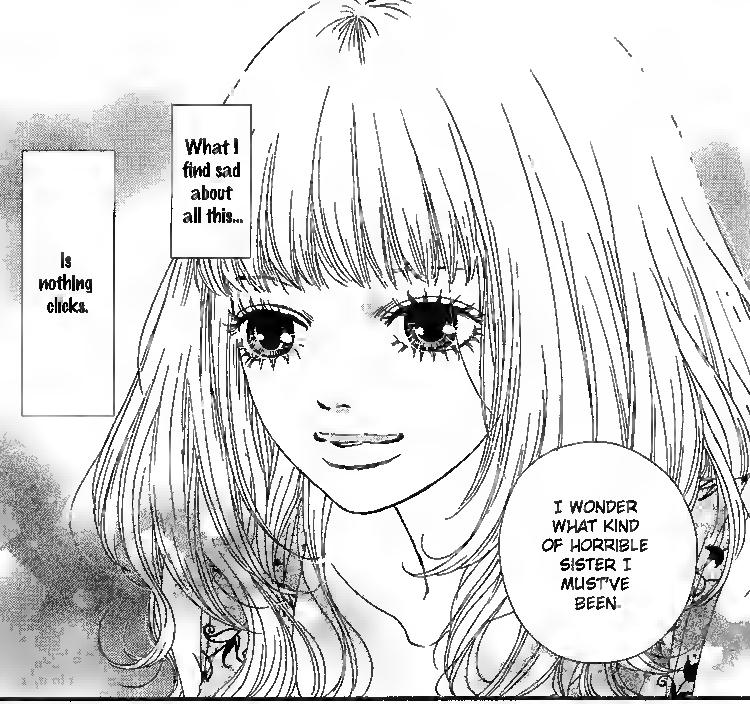
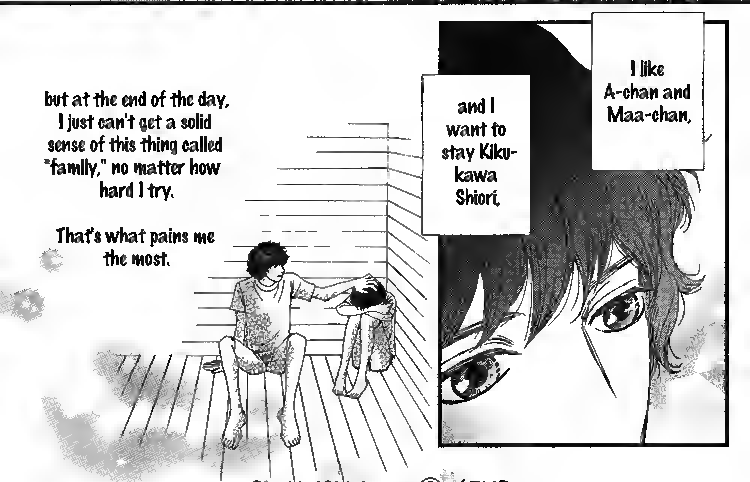
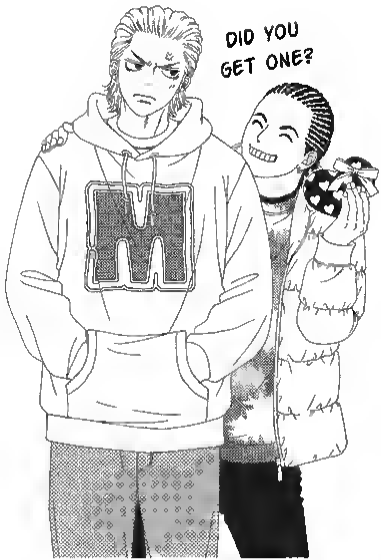
knock knock
LET ME IN.
HOW'S MAHO-CHAN DOING?
SHE'S STILL CRYING
A-CHAN'S BY HER SIDE,
BUT SINCE SHE REFUSES TO BE IN THE SAME ROOM AS ME, LET ME CRASH HERE TONIGHT
That means...
WHA-?!
FOR SOMEONE LIKE MAA-CHAN TO CRY...


What I find sad about all this...
is nothing clicks.
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF HORRIBLE SISTER I MUST'VE BEEN.


but at the end of the day, I just can't get a solid sense of this thing called "family," no matter how hard I try.
That's what pains me the most.
and I want to stay Kikukawa Shiori.
I like A-chan and Maa-chan,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THE JSHOUJO TEAM
TYPESETTER
SO... YOU WANT MORE MANGA?
TRANSLATOR
EDITOR
THEN JOIN
JSHOUJO SCANS!!
CAW
CAW
DO I HAVE A CHOICE?
YOU'LL JOIN US WON'T YOU?
YOU CAN JOIN UP OR EVEN SPREAD THE WORD!
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